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PAYMENT OF MEMBERS.



MR. LL-D G-RGE: You'll have to pay the piper, though you sha'n't call the tune!

[Both Liberal and Conservative papers are recommending the payment of Members of Parliament.]

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom; to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it; to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

In the *Review of Reviews* for September Mr. Lloyd George is quoted as saying in an interview that "if the Conciliation Bill had been capable of amendment so as to enfranchise the wives of all householders it might have been sent up to the House of Lords without any serious opposition." This is sheer nonsense, as Mr. Lloyd George quite well knows. Such a proposal would at once detach

from among the supporters the bulk, if not the whole, of the Conservatives who voted for it, a section of the Irish, and a considerable number of Liberals whose views coincide with those of Mr. Birrell. It would leave behind a small minority of Liberals, Labour and Irishmen, and even the magnificent support of Mr. Lloyd George (if it were actually given when the time came) would not make up for a defeat on the second reading. No, no, Mr. Lloyd George, women are not so easily fooled as you think! They remember your own words in dealing with those who proposed to enlarge greatly the scope of your Old-Age Pensions scheme: "That is their way of trying to kill Old-Age Pensions. I invite the supporters of Old-Age Pensions not to fall into the trap."

Mrs. Pankhurst in Scotland.

Mrs. Pankhurst continues her triumphant tour through the Scottish highlands, and from our account on another page it will be seen that this tour is productive of an immense amount of good. New friends have been made, old prejudices have been swept away, and the movement has taken deep hold on the Scottish women. Mrs. Pankhurst is speaking to-day at Wick, and meetings are arranged for Thurso, Dornoch, and elsewhere. Details of these and of the tour itself will be found on page 811.

In Support of the Women's Bill.

As part of the vigorous autumn campaign, the object of which is to urge the Government to allow time for the further stages of the Conciliation Committee's Bill this session, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence is addressing a number of

meetings during September. The first of these, held in Yarmouth on Thursday last, was in every way successful, the crowded meeting, composed almost entirely of those previously ignorant of the movement, became gradually more and more interested and at the close was thoroughly enthusiastic. Mrs. Lawrence is also speaking at Ilkley to-day; at Herne Bay on Wednesday, September 21; at Eastbourne on Friday, September 23; and at St. Leonards on Wednesday, September 28. A very large number of other meetings will also take place, and details of these will be found on other pages. We recommend those responsible for organising these meetings to put a resolution at the close, supporting the Conciliation Bill, and asking for further facilities for its passage this Session. When carried, a copy of the resolution should be sent to the local Member of Parliament and to the Prime Minister. Conveners of meetings are also requested to keep a list of impromptu meetings—other than those definitely entered in the W.S.P.U. Programme—and to send this to Miss Christabel Pankhurst, at 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Mr. Shackleton on Cabinet Rule.

Mr. David Shackleton was the principal speaker at a W.S.P.U. At Home in Sheffield on Monday last, and dealt with the theory that nothing could be done in Parliament on woman suffrage because there was dissension about it in the Cabinet. That was a theory, he pointed out, which applied to other subjects besides woman suffrage, and he for one could not agree with it. Cabinets would have to be governed, like other organisations, by the majority, and

Important questions demanded by the electorate and by M.P.'s would have to be carried whether the Cabinet liked it or not. A full report of the speech appears on page 812.

Comparative Values.

While Anti-Suffragists and those who support the Government in their policy of opposition to the women's claim continue to point out how little use the vote would be to women if they got it, a very different view is taken when the votes of men are under consideration. The Revision Courts which have recently been held all over the country have given numerous illustrations of the jealousy with which men's voting rights are guarded. In one case, where 52 men were struck off the list in Central Hackney owing to the action of the landlord, the revising barrister said it was "a very great shame" and the cases were "very hard," but it would require a special Act of Parliament to put the matter right.

Married Women and the Municipal Vote.

Prior to the passing of the Bill enabling women to sit on Municipal Councils the law as to the rights of married women to the municipal franchise was fairly clear. In London married women, if they were ratepayers, were municipal voters. In the provinces no married woman, whatever her qualification, could have a vote in the municipal elections. Then came the Act of 1907 declaring that neither sex nor marriage should be a bar to a seat on the Council; but this had to be read in conjunction with the law by which no one could be nominated for a seat on the Council who was not already a voter for that Council. Some revising barristers now hold the view that the clause in the Act of 1907 over-rides the old law excluding married women from becoming voters; other revising barristers, including Mr. Ringwood, for the Sheffield district, who has recently given his decision, hold that the clause in the Act of 1907 is a dead letter outside the Metropolis. But the question is worth fighting in every constituency.

Deeds or Words?

Threats of militant action have been freely indulged in lately by landowners objecting to the Land Taxes and the Land Tax forms, and also by trade unionists demanding legislative reversal of the Osborne judgment. Lord Mount Edgumbe goes so far as to say that he "would rather pass the remainder of his days in the seclusion and peace of one of His Majesty's prisons than be worried to death in a month by attempting to carry out impossible orders." Yet how small are their grievances compared with those of the women who are totally excluded from the political rights for which women have dared and suffered so much in the last few years! Of course there is this difference, that women have been prepared not merely to threaten but to act. We shall be interested to see how many noble landlords or indignant trade unionists are really prepared to face the rigours of Pentonville on behalf of the righteousness of their cause.

The Living-in System.

Without direct parliamentary representation it is useless to go on agitating for social reforms. This is why protests against the living-in system in shops are of perennial occurrence. At the Japan-British Exhibition recently, a meeting took place, organised by the Shop Assistant (the organ of the National Amalgamated Union of Shop Assistants), in the course of which many speakers pointed out the dangers of living-in, especially owing to inadequate provision in case of fire. It was stated that in one case the escape at a drapers' establishment had not been taken out for four years and was rotting for want of use. Among other speakers was Miss Freeman, an American lady, and a member of the W.S.P.U., who became a shop assistant in order to investigate conditions.

Votes for Women in America.

The New York correspondent of the *Evening Standard* states that Dr. Anna Shaw, President of the National Suffrage Association, has announced that the militant methods of the English Suffragists will in a measure be adopted in America. With Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, Dr. Shaw visited all the suffrage organisations in London, and the ideas gathered will, she says, be along new lines and will direct greater attention to the movement. In an interview Mrs. Shaw said:

"It is a joy to see these English women working for the cause. It did me good to walk along the street and watch those fine young women, many of them college graduates, carrying suffrage signs up and down the crowded thoroughfares. If we women did a little more fighting here and became a little more interested we might learn the need of doing just what the English women are doing."

The Albert Hall Meeting.

Judging by the rapidity with which the reserved tickets for the Albert Hall meeting on Thursday, November 10, are being already taken up there seems every prospect that the hall will be packed on that occasion as on the famous June 18. The meeting will be of equal importance; a few days only will be left before the re-assembling of Parliament; and the speeches will indicate what course the women will adopt in the event of the Government remaining obdurate in its course of obstruction.

Great Exhibition in Lancashire.

Next December there will take place in Southport a specially interesting exhibition and pageant, towards the success of which women in many parts of the country have been working all through the summer. An immense number of beautiful things for sale have been made by many willing hands, and preparations are going rapidly forward. The proceeds will be devoted to the extension of the work of the movement in Lancashire and the northern part of England, and we call upon members

generally to assist those who are already doing so much, to make this exhibition as signal a success as the one held in Glasgow during the spring of this year.

Items of Interest.

At the King's College Convocation at Windsor, Nova Scotia, on September 8, the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law was for the first time conferred upon a woman. This was Mrs. Willoughby-Cummings, former Secretary of the Canadian National Council of Women. Mrs. Cummings is now employed by the Dominion Government to deliver lectures on the Government's old age annuity system.

Readers are specially invited to make use of the last few weeks of the Paper Selling Competition to get the forms filled in for new permanent readers.

Mr. Devlin, M.P., made a special reference to Woman Suffrage in a speech on the sweating in the linen trade of Belfast. An extract is given on page 812.

In the Edinburgh printing dispute the men have refused the proposals of the employers and demand more complete exclusion of women.

Considerable interest continues to be taken in the dispute in Cradley Heath, and the women are making headway. Support has been promised by the Trade Union Congress.

The evasions of the Truck Act are referred to in the annual report of the Women's Trade Union League. It is pointed out that Mr. Masterman has admitted that the law is in an abominable condition, but he has given no promise to see to its being altered. How long would this remain, we wonder, if women had the vote.

The proposal to take a plebiscite of the male voters of the Herts division on the question of Woman Suffrage is still under discussion. It is estimated that it would cost about £100.

The Colne Valley Women's Liberal Association has passed a resolution urging the Government to give further facilities for the Conciliation Bill.

We have pleasure in announcing that our next issue will contain a special article from the pen of Mrs. Taylor, of Chipchase Castle, whose recollections of the Suffrage movement date back close on 40 years.

TREASURER'S NOTE.

A very long stride has been made during the past week towards the 75th milestone of our £100,000 race course. In the space of six days we have raised over £400. Can we during the present week raise as much as £328 and thus complete another cycle? I think we can if all organisers of campaigns and all members will do their utmost to collect and send in money. Great movements are immensely strengthened by sound finance. Sound finance is achieved in the first place by a very fully developed sense of individual financial responsibility. This first condition of sound finance is thoroughly realised by the members of this union, and therefore the treasurer expects great things.

E. P. L.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £100,000 FUND.

September 5 to Sept. 10.

Already acknowledged	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ledged 275,282 7 7		
Miss Alice Hoyle	2 2 0	
Mrs. John Frederick	2 2 0	
The Misses Hutton	0 3 3	
Four Heathfield School Girls	0 2 6	
Miss E. F. Hughes	0 10 6	
Miss Bertram and Miss Booth Scott (proceeds of meetings)	0 13 9	
Miss Margaret H. Crawford	0 11 4	
Miss Evelyn Billing	0 2 6	
Miss Bessie Barry	0 5 0	
Mrs. A. Davis	0 4 6	
"Five old Exonians staying in Wales"	0 2 6	
Miss Barbara Anderson	0 10 0	
Miss C. A. L. Marsh	2 0 0	
Mrs. M. Rayne	1 1 0	
Miss Ethel Wedgwood	5 0 0	
E. Rainsford Mumford	1 0 0	
Esq., L.R.C.P. & S.E.	6 5 0	
The Misses Purdy	0 10 6	
Mrs. Mary Parr	0 2 8	
Dr. Helen C. Putnam	0 2 6	
Mrs. Helene Putz	2 2 0	
W. Ward Higgs, Esq.	0 1 0	
Mrs. Bina Simpson	160 0 0	
F. W. Pethick Lawrence, Esq.	0 1 0	
Anon. (at Victoria Hotel)	0 5 8	
Extra on "V. f. W." at Victoria Hotel	0 5 0	
Miss Amelia Norton	0 2 6	
Miss Gertrude Wheaton	0 7 6	
Per Miss L. Ainsworth	0 1 0	
Mrs. Hasluck (at Home)	0 1 0	
Anon.	0 1 0	
Miss Vivian	0 2 8	
Extra on "V. f. W." etc.	0 2 6	
Per Mrs. Clarke	1 0 0	
Miss Grainger	1 0 0	
Miss Joan Dugdale	1 0 0	
Miss Newman	0 2 6	
Per Mrs. Galloway	0 5 0	
Nurse Griffin	0 12 0	
Miss C. Tolson	0 5 0	
Miss Allison Thomas	0 1 0	
Per Miss A. Keating	0 1 0	
Miss L. Gray	0 1 6	
Miss M. Cox	0 5 0	
Mrs. Dove-Willcox	0 1 6	
Miss G. Gwin	0 5 0	
Miss Hutton	0 1 0	
Miss E. Ekers	0 2 0	
Anon.	0 20 0	
Miss Charlotte Lusk	0 1 0	
Miss A. Rosewell	0 1 0	
Mrs. Davies Smith	0 1 0	
Miss Stewart	0 1 0	
Miss L. Newman	0 1 0	
Per Mrs. Pankhurst and Miss U. Dugdale	160 0 0	
Anon.	20 0 0	
"G. R. P."	20 0 0	
Crieff and Aberfeldy Meetings (pro fit)	11 0 0	
Rev. S. H. Mellone	0 10 0	
Mrs. John Frederick Robinson	10 10 0	
Nth. Berwick Meeting (profit)	10 10 0	
St. Andrew's Meeting (profit)	12 15 0	
Bridge of Allan Meeting (pro fit)	6 10 0	
A Friend	20 0 0	
A Sympathiser	5 0 0	
"Quite Converted"	5 0 0	
Miss MacGregor	0 10 0	
Per Miss D. Pethick	0 2 6	
A Sheringham Sympathiser	0 10 0	
Miss Corcoran	0 1 0	
Profit on Tea	0 10 6	
Miss C. Swain	0 5 0	
Per Miss G. Roe	0 5 0	
Mrs. Durrant	0 2 0	
The Misses Bond	0 1 0	
Miss Dlock	0 2 0	
The Misses Blak	0 1 0	
The Misses Bartlett	0 1 0	
Miss Brown	0 5 0	
Mrs. Stanford	1 8 6	
Mrs. Douglas Reid	0 4 3	
Miss Palmer	0 2 0	
Miss Marshall	0 1 0	
Miss Leonora Tyson	0 1 0	
Miss Grace Roe	0 1 0	
Mrs. Turton	0 1 0	
Mrs. Quigley	0 1 0	
Per Miss Williams	0 1 6	
Miss N. Balls	0 10 0	
"A. W."	0 10 0	
Profit on Tea	3 11 6	
Profit on "V. f. W." etc.	1 15 2	
Profit on Goods sold Liberal and Temperance Women and N.U.W.S.S. (Demonstration)	8 11 9	
Lancashire Exhibition.		
Per Miss D. Marston	5 0 0	
Miss Alderson	0 10 0	
Miss Kay	0 10 0	
Miss Griffith	0 10 0	
Miss Dixon	0 5 0	
Mrs. Butterworth	1 0 0	
Mrs. Ashby	1 10 0	
Membership Fees	1 13 0	
Collections, etc.	21 33 3	
London	0 7 0	
Per Miss L. Ainsworth	0 11 4	
Per Mrs. Clarke	0 3 3	
Per Mrs. Galloway	4 10 0	
Per Miss Pethick	2 2 6	
Per Miss Roe	21 16 5	
Per Miss Williams	0 9 3	
Total	275,672 18 3	

W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

IN SEPTEMBER.

Friday, 16.—Mrs. Pankhurst at Wick, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at Ilkley.

Saturday, 17.—Mrs. Pankhurst at Thurso.

Sunday, 18.—Meetings in London Parks.

Monday, 19.—Mrs. Pankhurst at Dornoch.

Wednesday, 21.—Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at Harné Bay.

Thursday, 22.—Mrs. Pankhurst at Loch Inver.

Friday, 23.—Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at Eastbourne.

Wednesday, 28.—Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at St. Leonards.

IN OCTOBER.

Monday, 3.—The Earl of Lytton, Chairman of the Conciliation Committee, at Queen's Hall, Langham Place, London, at 3 p.m.; Mrs. Pankhurst at Cork.

Tuesday, 4.—Mrs. Pankhurst at Dublin, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at Ilkley.

Wednesday, 5.—Mrs. Pankhurst at Dundalk; Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at Bradford.

Thursday, 6.—Mrs. Pankhurst at Belfast.

Friday, 7.—Mrs. Pankhurst at Derry.

Tuesday, 18.—Mrs. Pankhurst at Birmingham.

IN NOVEMBER.

Thursday, 10.—Great Meeting at the Albert Hall.

Tuesday, 15.—Parliament meets.

The Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

A new leaflet, "Why I Believe in Woman Suffrage," by a Non-Militant Conservative Suffragist, is on sale at the Woman's Press, price 9d. per 100, 6s. per 1,000, post free. This is a reprint of the article published in VOTES FOR WOMEN on August 12. The article by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence in last week's VOTES FOR WOMEN, "A Call to Action," is also being printed as a leaflet, and will be ready shortly.

* Those who wish to be present should secure tickets without delay, as they are selling rapidly. The whole hall is available, but the special regulations do not permit the public sale of tickets. For the convenience of W.S.P.U. members, however, certain parts of the hall have been set aside for them and their friends, men and women, and numbered and reserved tickets for these may be purchased by members from the Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C. The prices of these seats are as follows: Amphitheatre Stalls, 2s.; Arena, 1s.; Upper Orchestra, 6d.; Grand Tier Boxes (holding 10), 30s.; Loggia (holding eight), 21s.; 2nd Tier Boxes (holding five), 12s. 6d. The local W.S.P.U.'s have been given the first opportunity of taking up the Grand Tier Boxes.

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AUTUMN BLOUSES.



BLOUSE (as sketch) in Crepe de Chine, long-pleated and strapped. Finished with hand feather-stitching and pleated crepe frill: in Black, White, and 40 Colours.

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HOLIDAY NOTES.

Scene: A street in St. Andrews, the morning after Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting. Two lady cyclists spinning down the hill pass a Suffragette toiling up, and she hears this scrap of conversation:—

"Were you at the meeting last night?"

"No."

"Oh! you should have been there; it was simply splendid!"

The rest is lost in the distance, but enough has been heard to show that where ignorance and prejudice once reigned, interest and enthusiasm have been aroused.

"Why, those are our colours," says a nurse who is talking to her patient on the balcony. The colours are worn by a bulldog, who is being taken for a walk, and colours and bulldog together form a pleasant introduction to a mutual friendship.

"I am glad to see you keep your colours flying," says a man visitor at a hotel in Normandy.

"And I am glad to find someone who appreciates them," says the Suffragette on the other side of the table.

FROM THE DIARY OF A PAPER SELLER.

I had set my heart on walking in that Procession, but Fate—and Cook's Young Man—had decreed otherwise. My programme was arranged this way:—

July 23.—Suffrage Procession.
July 25.—Sail for Lisbon.

Cook's Young Man's programme left out the Procession altogether. He preferred that I should leave the day before.

He was quite determined, but I was determined too. I said "I cannot miss the Procession. I will find a boat which sails on the 25th," and I did in spite of him, and was rather excited about it, until I made the further discovery that, though the boat went, it never came back again. Time was short—other dates were still more unsuitable—to Cook's Young Man was given the final triumph. I departed on the 22nd.

The worst had happened, but I took comfort in the thought that my deputy would grace the Procession, where I could only have added to it, and when I went on board I kept my weather eye carefully lifted for possible converts. "I must get some business done on Saturday," I thought, "while the Procession is marching through London." So next day I collected the only two other women at my table, made friends with them, and poured into their not unwilling ears the rousing history of the campaign. I don't think my seed fell on stony ground. Anyway, when one of my new friends went ashore at Oporto VOTES FOR WOMEN very soon followed her, and perhaps—who knows—it goes there every week!

Once in Lisbon, there was little I could do, for alas! I had practically only one language. It was heartbreaking. There was the material, all ready to be worked upon, and there was I—dumb as a fish, with my tongue done up in knots, which refused to be untied. Still, where I found English-speaking people, I did what I could, and there is five shillings to be sent to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence from one who saw my badge—read VOTES FOR WOMEN, and believed.

Once aboard again, on my homeward voyage, things livened up wonderfully, for two charming Portuguese girls attached themselves to me, and we became great friends. The confession of my faith followed, and then—Oh! then. Alarums and excursions, and later, to judge from the way they were snatched from me by horrified parents, I might have been a scarlet woman, instead of just a purple-white-and-green one. But after all they did me a good turn, for they spread the dreadful news all over the ship, with the result that those people who dared came and talked suffrage with me, and I was asked to hold a meeting in the saloon the same evening. I confess this made me feel rather sick, for it's one thing to tackle two or three people, but quite another to address a crowd. However, I got through somehow, and I know that afterwards everybody was discussing Votes for Women, and people were enormously kind to the end of the voyage—not in spite of my being a Suffragette, but because of it!

A. M. W.

WHAT THE POSTER MEANS.

Miss Annie Kenney, who has just concluded a short campaign in Dorsetshire, writes that the sight of the VOTES FOR WOMEN poster in the various places she visited was the source of the greatest cheer and encouragement. One worker during the campaign made a point of calling upon the newsagents and taking with her two boards with the poster already pasted upon them, to lend for the day on which a meeting was to be held. This formed in easy introduction to the subject of showing a poster regularly every week. "I am full of admiration," writes Miss Kenney, "for these isolated members in little places, who are working in such a practical way. If every Suffragist throughout the whole country would work as hard and as well as Miss Kenney and other brave Dorsetshire members, every village in the country would have its poster, and the sale of the paper would be increased enormously. Even at open-air meetings in little seaside places large numbers of the paper were sold, and the reason I liked seeing the poster so much was this, I knew that where there was a poster there were sure to be some keen Suffragettes!"

TESTIMONIAL TO MRS. ELMY.

Mrs. Martindale reports that the total amount so far subscribed to the Mrs. Elmy Testimonial now stands at £102 6s. 3d. Among the contributors are: The Countess of Selborne, Lady Betty Balfour, the Dowager Lady Loch, Miss Ellen Beck, F. W. Pethick Lawrence, Esq., Lady Wright, and the Irish Women Suffrage and Local Government Association. Others who appreciate the work for women done throughout a long life by this valiant champion of enfranchisement should send their contributions to Mrs. Martindale, Horsted Keynes, Sussex, without delay.

MRS. PANKHURST'S VISIT TO IRELAND.

Irish Suffragists are invited to volunteer help of every kind in making Mrs. Pankhurst's visit to Ireland as great a success as her tour in the Scottish Highlands. Helpers in Cork and Derry are especially desired, and should send in their names at once to Miss Shannon, Hon. Secretary, Irish Women's Franchise League, Ancient Concert Buildings, Dublin. A large public hall—the Palace Skating Rink, Rathmines—has been secured for the Dublin meeting, and the co-operation of all sympathisers is needed to ensure success. Mrs. Pankhurst's visit must be the most talked of, and the most prominent press subject in Ireland during October. The following is a list of the meetings already arranged:—

Cork	Monday, October 3
Dublin	Tuesday, " 4
Dundalk	Wednesday, " 5
Belfast	Thursday, " 6
Derry	Friday, " 7

CHAIN MAKING A PENNY A YARD.

The Standing Orders of the Trade Union Congress were suspended during Tuesday afternoon in order that a deputation representing the women chainmakers of Cradley Heath might be received. The deputation consisted of three women, each of whom carried a heavy metal chain.

Mrs. Nock, the youngest of the three, held her chain aloft and exclaimed, "A penny a yard. We are fighting for twopenny halfpenny an hour, and if you will only stand by us we mean to get it."

The delegates cheered the women enthusiastically, and the cheers were renewed when the president expressed the hope that trade unionists would rise to the occasion and do something for these "poor white slaves of England."

A resolution was adopted expressing the sympathy of the Congress with the chainmakers in their plucky fight, and promising them the financial and moral support of the organised labour movement. It was stated that a circular will be issued to all the unions urging them to contribute to the support of the women on strike. A collection was taken at the doors of the hall at the end of the meeting.

The lock-out at Cradley Heath continues. Although many employers have agreed to pay the higher rate of wages at once, the women have no security that they will receive them, as many devices to evade the law are resorted to by the middlemen who give out the work. A statement of investigations made by the leaders of the women chainmakers has been issued, giving particulars of some of these evasions. It will be remembered that the lock-out arose from an attempt to induce the women to receive for six months wages below the minimum fixed by the Board of Trade. A large stock of chain having been accumulated, the women feared that there would in a short time be no work at all, and this fear is borne out by the opinion of experts. An illustrated article on the women chainmakers appeared in VOTES FOR WOMEN of September 2.

A WOMAN UNDERSTANDS.

The following anecdote has been sent us by an Edinburgh lady, who tells us it is "word for word perfectly true":—

"It took six policemen to get some ladies safe away last night, Miss," said a woman to me the other day.

"Ladies? What were they doing?" I asked.

"Suffragettes, Miss."

"Oh! But what were they doing?" "They were giving a lecture. There are often lectures at the open air down at the end of our street: men speak on this and that, politics and the like. Well, these ladies came, and my husband and I went to hear, and a lot of young men—impudent, senseless young boys about seventeen—came and made such a noise and disturbance. It was just perfectly disgraceful! My husband was that angry he turned on them, for we wanted to hear what the ladies were saying, for, mind you, it was really interesting! They were talking about women's wages—and it was truth they were speaking! (She had every reason to know.) And what my husband and I were saying was that those ladies were not speaking for themselves, but for other women. It was simply disgusting the way those young men behaved, Miss, and prevented our listening. And it will never be told in the papers," she concluded.

SHE WON!

At a fancy dress ball in a Swiss hotel a lady of "Anti" sympathies, thinking to rouse laughter at the expense of the Suffragettes, decks herself in much purple, white and green, with "Votes for Women" writ large on dress and hat. But everyone votes for her, and she wins the prize.

THE VALUE OF A DOOR-MAT.

In the eyes of the male administrators of man-made law, a door-mat is presumably eight times as valuable as the bodies and souls of four women, and a wretched woman who piffers to obtain food a greater social menace than men who for the purpose of gain, defraud women of their honour as well as of their earnings! We commend to the attention of our readers the following two cases:—

From the *Morning Leader*, September 8.

At the Staffordshire Quarter Sessions yesterday Bridget Warrilow, aged 49, was sentenced by the Recorder, Mr. W. H. Clay, to four years' penal servitude for stealing a door-mat from a backyard at Stoke. She sold the door-mat for 3d., telling the purchaser she wanted the money to buy food. She had a list of previous convictions for pilfering against her. "I am afraid," said the Recorder, "that whatever sentence I pass will not have any reformatory effect upon you, for no punishment seems to keep you from committing these crimes."

From the *Daily News*, September 13.

At the Old Bailey yesterday, Aldo Antonius Callis (aged 29), a clerk, and Alexander Berard (aged 25), a fitter, pleaded guilty to one count of an indictment charging them with conspiring to procure four girls for immoral purposes. . . . As showing that there was a considerable amount of money in the traffic, counsel mentioned that drafts for £1,137 were found on Callis. The prisoners, who had an infamous record, were sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

MRS. PANKHURST'S HIGHLAND TOUR.

There can be no doubt that the Highland Tour was a most fortunate inspiration. Mrs. Pankhurst has been able to come in contact with many people—some prejudiced and entirely antagonistic to votes for women—in a most unique way, and the result of these meetings has been greatly to extend the influence of the movement and to clear up many misunderstandings. During the week meetings have been held at Lossiemouth, Elgin, Inverness, Craigellachie, Grantown-on-Spey, and Newtonmore. Other meetings are arranged as follows:—

Friday	Sept. 16	Wick, Town Hall; Rev. G. M. Dickie, 8 p.m.
Saturday	" 17	Thurso, Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Monday	" 19	Dornoch, 8 p.m.
Thursday	" 22	Loch Inver.

On Tuesday afternoon in last week Mrs. Auchterlony entertained nearly a hundred friends at her place in Forfarshire to hear Mrs. Pankhurst, some motoring over 20 miles. The majority had never before heard the case really explained. Mrs. Pankhurst was bombarded with most interesting questions, and the hostess was overwhelmed with marks of approval and interest in "the cause" as the guests were leaving.

The next day at Elgin also a very warm welcome was prepared. The Town Hall meeting was packed. Mrs. Pankhurst made a brilliant speech, entirely converting her vast audience, belonging to a town said to "be prejudiced against the militants"! Heartfelt thanks are due to Mrs. Fry, who organised the meeting, and to Mrs. Anderson for her most kind help and hospitality.

On Friday Inverness was visited, and Mrs. Pankhurst made another grand speech in the Music Hall. The following charming letter of regret at being unable to be present was read from Mrs. Annan Bryce, wife of the member for Inverness, who seconded the rejection of the Conciliation Bill:—

I hope very much that Mrs. Pankhurst will be able to enthuse Inverness. If the women of Inverness would be able to understand that it is vital for the good government of this country that women should have the vote in order to press forward important questions affecting their work and standing, and that what tends to improve and help the position of women MUST also improve and help the position of men, Mrs. Pankhurst's visit must not be in vain. Also, if they could disabuse their minds of this idea, that woman's suffrage means sex antagonism, and realise that it means man and woman working hand in hand for the public good. I would be grateful if you would convey my regrets, also my entire sympathy, to the meeting.—Yours sincerely, Violet Baxter.

Grateful thanks to Miss Murray, who organised the meeting, and Mrs. Macpherson for her kind hospitality; also Miss McKeown and Miss Reid for stewarding so splendidly.

A PRESS COMMENT.

The best way to advance the cause of women's rights is by such meetings as that addressed by Mrs. Pankhurst in the music hall last night. And if the political enfranchisement for women is to be fought down it can only be by a counter-campaign, conducted on similar lines. It was a reasoned appeal to the intelligence, to the sense of justice, and the democratic instinct for equal rights. If it is to be met it must be by similar methods. With consummate skill Mrs. Pankhurst helped herself indiscriminately to the arguments of opposing schools of thought and politics, where these were found favourable to the cause. She was equally successful in confounding her opponents by bringing their objections to the test of their own political principles.

—*Highland News*.

MRS. PANKHURST AT INVERNESS.

Mrs. Pankhurst, addressing a meeting in the Inverness Music Hall last Friday, said all they were asking was that sex in itself should not be a disability as regards political power. They thought that women having performed the duties of citizens like men, should be armed with the rights of citizenship, like men. And it was about that simple demand that there was all this quarrelling. (Laughter.) They did not ask for any alteration in the suffrage laws, except that they wished the legal meaning of the word "person" to be altered to mean female person as well as male person. They wanted the law changed which said that woman was a person when it came to paying, but not when it came to recording votes. And when the women got the vote she could go to a political meeting and her questions would be listened to with interest and respect, and her point of view would be considered.

"Pay up and Shut up!"

The subject that was engrossing the minds of the people at the present moment was the new land taxation business. She didn't know whether it was the same in Scotland, but when she left England there was a great fuss about it, and people were complaining because they were put to a great deal of trouble to discover the value of their land. There were a great many letters in the Press, and she was particularly struck with one from a gentleman who told how his old cook had retired and purchased a small house and garden, where she hoped to end her days in comfort. But she didn't reckon with the land taxes. (Laughter.) She didn't know the past history of the land, and she was very much perplexed with the form she had to fill, so she came to the gentleman who wrote the letter for advice. He said in his letter, "My old cook is going to be active at the next election." (Laughter.) If he had been a woman he would have said, "My old cook is going to be a suffragette." And when she got the vote she would find it easier to put down her cross quietly and silently. Women, whether they liked the land taxes or not, could do nothing, or, as one of her (Mrs. Pankhurst's) friends tersely put it, the only thing that women had to do was to pay up and shut up. (Laughter.)

They would have seen in every paper recently a column headed with the words, "The Osborne Decision." Perhaps some of them passed that by thinking it was some dull lawsuit; but it was a matter which was of very great importance to them. A member of the Government had been asked when they would introduce a Bill making it legal to use trade union funds to pay election expenses. The Government said they could not do that, but they would do better; they would introduce a Bill for the payment of members. As it is, the women had to help to pay the salaries of the Cabinet Ministers. Quite soon they would have to help to pay the salary of every individual member of Parliament without having a choice as to who the men were who were to be paid.

She thought it was time the women were waking up, and she was glad to think that something was coming along to rouse the women they had always found the most difficult to deal with. These were the women with whom Cabinet Ministers met. The Cabinet Minister said: "The women who dance with me at balls do not want the vote. The women I take in to dinner do not want it." They did not want the vote because the necessity for it had not been brought home to them. What were the men making laws about? They passed a Bill which they called the Children's Charter, and in connection with that they were dealing with matters they were quite incompetent to deal with. One of the things they discussed was whether babies should sleep in cradles or with their mothers. (Laughter.) One member said that women were too poor to buy cradles, and another, brimming with information, told the House that bananas or orange-boxes made splendid cradles. He did not think that blankets were required to keep the baby warm. (Laughter and applause.)

A Sex War?

The women were accused of beginning a sex war. They were trying to end a sex war. If working women had a grievance they would look in vain for help from their brothers who worked alongside them. The women were in the position of that unfortunate individual who was said to be between the devil and the deep sea. The working men who objected to women competing with them did not think that women had the same needs and had to live like themselves. The men were always against women apprentices. It was a strange thing that in their games the handicap was placed on the strong to give the weak a chance, while in the more serious game of life the weak were handicapped. The women were not asking that the handicap should be put on the strong, nor for any privilege. They were only asking a fair and equal chance.

Mrs. Pankhurst concluded by dealing with the Conciliation Bill, which, she said, was not dead, as had been stated. If their supporters in the House of Commons said the Bill was dead, and that they could do no more for them, then they would have deputations to go to the House of Commons themselves and show the reason. (Applause.)—From *The Highland News*.

MR. SHACKLETON ON THE BILL.

Speaking at an At Home of the Women's Social and Political Union in Sheffield on Monday last, Mr. David Shackleton, M.P., dealt with the Women's Suffrage Bill drafted by the Conciliation Committee.

Mr. Shackleton said he considered it an honour to have been asked to introduce the Women's Suffrage Bill in the House of Commons, and he stated that it was his view that the House of Commons would never go back on the stand it had taken in supporting the measure by a majority of over 100. His firm conviction was that the women's question was in a better position in this country to-day than it had ever been. "We have friends in every Party in the State. Our own strong Party is unanimously with you. (Applause.) There certainly is the majority of the Liberal Party with you, not a bad minority in the Conservative Party, and, I think, a fairly satisfactory vote comes from the Irishmen."

To speak on the merits of the question Mr. Shackleton declared a waste of time, because he had never heard anything against it that was worth replying to. The recent debate in the House of Commons was the finest they had ever had on the subject. Their opponents did not bring up the old yarns. They did attempt to deal with the matter on a higher level than they had ever done before, and it was because they did that that the victory was so much more important. The strength of a victory depended upon the strength of the case against them. Mr. F. E. Smith was on his best behaviour. He made a speech the equal of which he had never made before in the House of Commons in seriousness and in force, and he was the chosen champion of those who opposed the Bill.

He would not charge the Government with any breach of faith if the Bill was not proceeded with in the present Session, but any further procedure must be subject to the pressure that the friends of the movement could bring upon them. His own candid opinion was that it would not be proceeded with.

"When we go back in November we shall probably be in the last round of the present Parliament—the last few weeks of it—and we shall get to grips. I hope, with the bigger question (I mean bigger in the sense that it stops the way for all progress for the present), namely, the question as to whether the representatives of the people are to be supreme in matters affecting the country as a whole. I believe that question will form a very large part of our deliberations for the rest of the year. But I hope our friends will make this an important matter at the next election, if we are to have an election before another Session."

He wanted to be quite sure that every constituency was made alive to the importance of including in the electorate the women of the country, at least in a small modicum, in order that they might start on the road. The objections were illogical.

They were just passing through considerable trouble in the trade union world. One of the little incidents out of the many was happening at Cradley Heath. Was it right that the women of Cradley Heath should not be permitted to express their view politically at an election, if an alteration of any law was necessary which affected women under such terrible conditions as they were in? Those women had to depend entirely upon the persuasion they had to use upon the men in that and other districts where the terrible business was going on. The cause stood so high from the point of view of argument that they need not fear any possibility of it being further delayed. There was only one difficulty.

Cabinet Dissension.

They were told by the Prime Minister that he had not a united Cabinet on the matter. "You change the Ministry, and another Prime Minister can say the same." Well, the representatives of the people, apart altogether from the women's question, had seriously to grapple with a position like that, which might affect any subject. (Hear, hear.) The electorate of the people could be thwarted by a divided Cabinet on many subjects, and it was a serious issue.

"Cabinets will have to be governed, like other organisations, by the majority. (Applause.) We cannot further put off an important issue, whether it is women's suffrage or any other, because the Cabinet of the day cannot altogether come into line. If the elected of the people in the House of Commons say it is desirable that a certain reform should take place, well, Cabinet rule must end, and representative government must come in its place. (Applause.) I, for one, am not prepared to listen longer to the argument that it is dangerous to the solidity of the Cabinet that this or any other matter should be brought forward at the present juncture."

Mr. Shackleton told his audience that the power of the vote in electoral campaigns was exactly the power of cash in negotiations with the employers. (Applause.) Trade unionists knew that. The question of women's equality with men in intellectual spheres was also dealt with, and the Labour Member declared that wherever the Parliamentary franchise had been extended to women, temperance reform had grown faster because of it. If for no other reason, he wanted to see women

exercising that healthy influence in our Parliamentary elections on temperance, social and other issues. (Applause.)

"I believe in adult suffrage," asserted Mr. Shackleton, but he did not want always to be talking adult suffrage in the House of Commons and never get further. "I want to secure the first step, and this Bill does it. I want to see it improved, and if I have any responsibility in it, the wording will be so arranged that it can be amended." The Bill is on a democratic basis, whatever Mr. Lloyd George or Mr. Winston Churchill might say about it.

Miss Adela Pankhurst thanked Mr. Shackleton for his address. "But I don't agree with Mr. Shackleton," she said, "that we are not going to get the Bill through in the autumn Session of Parliament. I think we are. And when we get the vote," added Miss Pankhurst, "the men will just be tumbling over one another to get the reforms that we women want."

TEXT OF THE CONCILIATION COMMITTEE'S BILL.

TO EXTEND THE PARLIAMENTARY FRANCHISE TO WOMEN OCCUPIERS.

Be it enacted, etc.,

1. Every woman possessed of a household qualification, or of a ten-pound occupation qualification, within the meaning of The Representation of the People Act (1885), shall be entitled to be registered as a voter, and when registered to vote for the county or borough in which the qualifying premises are situate.
2. For the purposes of this Act, a woman shall not be disqualified by marriage for being registered as a voter, provided that a husband and wife shall not both be qualified in respect of the same property.
3. This Act may be cited as "The Representation of the People Act, 1910."

The effect of the Bill would be practically to enable those women to vote for Parliament who at present vote in the municipal elections.

A DEMOCRATIC BILL.

The Colne Valley Women's Liberal Association at its annual meeting unanimously passed a resolution urging the Government to grant facilities for the passing of the Conciliation (Women's Suffrage) Bill, and protesting against the suggestion that the Bill is undemocratic. The Secretary was instructed to send copies of the resolution to the Premier, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Winston Churchill, and Mr. C. Leach, M.P. for the division. Mr. Leach was thanked for his support of the measure.

THE EDINBURGH PRINTING DISPUTE.

The situation at Edinburgh is unchanged. The dispute, it will be remembered, has arisen owing to the demand of the men compositors for the ultimate total elimination of female labour. The workmen have refused to accept the concessions offered by the employers, and matters are therefore at a deadlock. We print below the opinion of a Scottish paper on the situation.

A PRESS COMMENT.

As a practical matter, what the trade unionists in this and all other employments where women and men compete should demand is that the man should be paid the same wage for doing the same work. If any man went into a composing room to do compositor's work at less than trade union rates he would be hounded through the streets as a blackleg, and the men would come out on strike until he was dismissed. If they wish to preserve for men work in which women compete, but which is equally suitable for men and women, the only way that they can do it is by standing up for the principle of equal remuneration to men and women as such. The employment of women, boys, and girls at less than a true living wage in the employment which ought to be men's work is one of the subjects closely inquired into by the Poor Law Commission. It leads to what is known as the parasite industries—industries which exist by employing people for a whole day's work at less than a living wage, thereby really existing to a certain extent upon a subsidy contributed by the true wage-earner who supports the worker employed at less than a living wage. The Suffragettes who howl in the streets about "Votes for Women" would do far more good to their sisters if they would devote their attention to this problem. It seems to us that the principle we have asserted is the only principle which can lead to a permanent solution. Of course, one result might be that in certain lines of employment women would displace men altogether, but in others where the men can really do better work, the women would become entirely displaced, and industrial employment would tend to be distributed between men and women on some more rational basis than it is at present.—*The Morning Standard*.

MR. HILAIRE BELLOC WON'T ARGUE.

Last week reference was made to Mr. Sheehy Skeffington's challenge to Mr. Hilaire Belloc, M.P., to a debate on woman suffrage. The following is Mr. Belloc's reply: "I fear I must make it a rule not to touch any controversial or political subject during my brief stay in Ireland, and therefore with great regret must decline the opportunity you have the kindness to offer me." We wonder why!

MR. DEVLIN, M.P., AND WOMEN'S VOTES.

The appalling condition of the women in the Belfast linen trade was the subject of a striking meeting in the Ulster Hall, Belfast, on Wednesday in last week, and drew forth a powerful speech from Mr. Devlin, M.P. Alluding to the heroism of the women who remained law-abiding and decent when they had to work twelve hours a day for 4s. a week, all he had to say was that to him such virtue was far more sublime, more heroic and glorious than all the greatness of their generals, the power of their statesmen. He had been eight years in Parliament, and he knew they would get nothing from the House of Commons in the way of social reform unless they sent men there to ask for these things.

He voted for the extension of the franchise to women, and they knew why he did it, because in his judgment women could make no worse hand of their votes than men had done. (Laughter and applause.) Women were told to stay in the house and mind the home; that was the function of a woman, and not to go looking for a vote, but how had they safeguarded the interests of the home and defended the interests of women when they allowed the wives and mothers of the citizens of Belfast to bore 380 holes for one penny and work twelve hours a day at the most laborious of all occupations for 4s. a week! ("Shame!") He hoped the women would get the vote and emancipate not only themselves, but also some of the men.

Mrs. Mary Galway, to whose initiation the public feeling on this matter is due, also made a rousing speech, and concluded by hoping that women would soon get the vote. If they had it they could bring pressure to bear on their Parliamentary representatives and have some of the grievances under which women laboured righted. She appealed to the women to join their trade societies and organise, and then they would secure the vote and remedy the evils under which they suffered.

HONOURING A GREAT WOMAN.

Saturday September 10, being the 113th anniversary of the death of Mary Wollstonecraft, a demonstration organised by the Women's Freedom League and participated in by all the Suffrage Societies in Bournemouth, marched from the Square to place wreaths upon the grave in St. Peter's Churchyard. Large numbers of the W.S.P.U. took part. They were headed by Miss Beatrice Flower, who placed a floral wreath in the colours, on the grave. Mrs. Despard and Mrs. Nevins spoke a few suitable words to the crowds who gathered at the churchyard gate, and addressed a meeting in St. Peter's Hall in the evening.

A VILLAGE STRIKE OF WOMEN.

A correspondent sends us an account of a village where the women, anxious to convert the men to sobriety, undertook a general strike. At first, it is said, the men laughed, then they stormed, but the women remained quiet and firm, until, left alone and helpless, the men begged them to capitulate. The women then outlined the reforms they desired, and triumphed. The whole moral tone of the community became changed. "Let the women of Great Britain do likewise, and the vote will be won," says our informant.

BRAVE GIRLS.

Two brave Cardiff girls, Madge and Dorothy Brockington, have recently undergone the exceedingly painful ordeal of having large portions of skin removed in order to save the arm of their little brother, who was terribly injured by scalding. A little girl of eight years of age, Frances Cloely Faith Banks, has been presented at Redditch with the certificate of the Royal Humane Society for exceptional courage in saving her younger brother, an infant of four, from drowning in the River Arrow.

Lady political canvasser, calling at the door of a cottage: "I have come about Mr. —; I am not a Suffragette."
"Well, if you're not, I am," says the cottage woman, and slams the door.

The *Morning Leader* is conducting a Suffrage Competition. As it is open until October, there is still time for any who wish to collect votes in favour of Votes for Women.

OPINIONS OF OUR READERS.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—As I leave for South Africa on Thursday, I should like to pay my subscription for a year's VOTES FOR WOMEN a little in advance. Enclosed please find P.O. With all good wishes and hopes for the speedy enfranchisement of women, deep regrets that circumstances do not permit my longer stay in England to be allowed the privilege of still being associated with the members of the W.S.P.U., and thanking you for all the good I have derived week by week from VOTES FOR WOMEN.—Yours, &c.,

(Mrs.) CLARE B. GRIFFITHS.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—With all due respect for the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whose recent burst of candour at Bodnant Hall let us know exactly where he would place the cause of Women's Suffrage, we who work for that reform regard the continued disfranchisement of an entire sex, forming half of the community, as a far more pressing grievance than that of the Irishmen, than the postponed Disestablishment of the Welsh Church, or than the veto of the House of Lords. After listening recently to one of the most impressive services probably ever held in St. Paul's Cathedral, I was overwhelmed by a sense of the selfish and calculated denial of electoral power to women as contrasted with the reverent homage to the memory of her who aroused from torpor the conscience of the nation, and cleansed the Augean harrack-rooms of Sentari, introduced into warfare its only altruistic feature, and created while munificently endowing, a calling for women, which has proved of inestimable benefit to the whole of society. That Miss Nightingale, venerated for fifty years and accorded, even before her death, the honours of a saint, should never have been entrusted by her countrymen with the small share of political power granted to the least reputable man so long as he possesses certain technical qualifications is a national disgrace.

In the stage of evolution at which we have arrived, the insulting sex-disqualification is indeed a symbol of that "sex-war" of which anti-suffragists so often talk. We suffragists wish to remove it. It is an anachronism, an effete survival which gapes for extinction. Hundreds of thousands of self-respecting women, and at least tens of thousands of men, resent it just as keenly as ever our Roman Catholic brethren resented the wording of the Royal Declaration. Though few in numbers compared with the whole of the electorate, the last-named have seen their grievance removed. The Suffragists' grievance must follow it, and quickly, too.

Yours, etc.,

E. GODWIN CLAYTON.

23, Holborn Viaduct, E.C.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—I venture to suggest that a fitting memorial to the honoured life of Miss Florence Nightingale would be to appoint women to the governing bodies of all British hospitals, or to so reconstruct these bodies that their membership shall be divided equally between women and men.

Yours, &c.,

C. M. GOWNE.

(Capt. retired R.A.).

9, Fernshaw Mansions, Chelsea.

THE EDINBURGH PRINTING DISPUTE.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR.—The article dealing with the Edinburgh Women Compositors and the right to work, in the issue of August 26, does not convey anything like the whole truth of the matter. Therefore it is likely to cause serious injury to the printing trade, as well as to a body of women who are as much entitled to sympathy as the women compositors of Edinburgh.

Since women have been introduced to the printing trade by some unscrupulous Scottish employer, a system has grown up which is endangering the livelihood of many thousands of men and their wives and children. The wicked and cruel injustice of the case appears in the fact that women do the work at about one-half the wages that would be paid to men. This does not lower the status of the men who have to be employed by the Scottish firms in conjunction with the women, but it does hurt those who are displaced. And worse than that is the fact that no respectable firm of printers in England can compete with those firms who thus employ underpaid labour. We therefore have the spectacle of many great publishing houses in London sending their work to Edinburgh solely because the cost is lower. The price is lower because women and girls are receiving one-half the wages that men would receive. Wives of English compositors are thus frequently brought to starvation by their Scottish sisters. If the women would insist on equal payment for equal work there would be no more room to complain.

Unfortunately, some English firms of good reputation are following the example of the Scottish firms, and it is becoming increasingly difficult for those who care to pay trade union wages to keep their doors open. What can be the end of such a move? Will matters be improved if we are forced to the condition of things which largely obtains in some cotton spinning districts, where the wife goes to work whilst the husband stays at home to mind the children? No. Let us have equal pay for equal work.

Yours, etc.,

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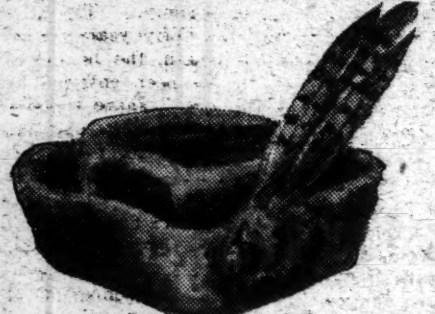
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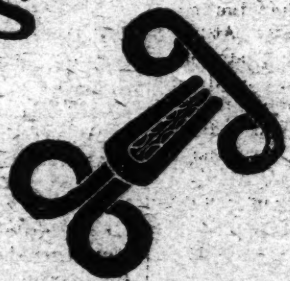
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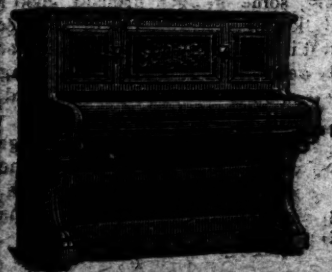


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BOOK OF THE WEEK.

I think there are two kinds of life in this world—safety in danger and danger in safety. For instance, a baby in his mother's arms is frightened by dogs on the ground. That is danger in safety. A swindler on a soft and comfortable sofa is safety in danger. My life belonged to the former.

This short paragraph from the preface of a most enter-
taining and delightful autobiography, "A Japanese Artist in
London," illuminates the story and epitomises its signifi-
cance. Danger in safety: Such is the experience of every
soul that goes forth boldly upon life's adventure, striking
out into the unknown upon some quest, answering to some
call of the spirit, facing risk, encountering peril, aver trust-
ful of destiny and secure of fate.

The story told by Yoshio Markino of his life in London is
full of stern realities, of battles with grinding necessity and
with dire starvation, but it is also full of songs of deliver-
ance, so that it is a story good to read. The spirit of the
Japanese artist is a flower of the tree of old Japan. For he
comes of a long line of warriors, being the son of an old
Samurai family, and in accordance with the racial tradition
of his stock throughout the long struggle to achieve his
bouts with poverty, hardship, and even starvation, behind a
smiling face. And now that the success has been won, he
laughs over his memories and takes us into his confidence,
and bids us laugh, too, over the tender, pathetic, and
humorous tale. Sometimes tears are in the eyes while
smiles are on the lips.

It is strange, as we look at the characteristic and beauti-
ful illustrations, so full of colour and atmosphere, a revela-
tion to Londoners of London's special charm, to think that
the artist cleaned windows and scrubbed floors to earn the
money for his art-school fees, and lived on the bread given
to the students wherewith to rub out the charcoal drawing;
that in order to get some sort of livelihood he even made
teeth for a dentist, and became a tombstone engraver at Nor-
wood; that his working powers were often paralysed with
hunger and cold, so that he had to get into bed in the middle
of the day in order to become warm enough to hold the
brushes. Very simply he tells: "I used to drink water
from the fountains in the street. It was my only luncheon
then; my landlady knew that." Perhaps the sweetest
memories of those years of struggle are connected with the
generosity and kindness of those poor landladies—the only
people from whom the lonely student could not hide the
facts of his condition.

I think I concealed all my misery fairly well before the public.
For at my starving time I called on "Harper's Magazine," at Alber-
marle-street, several times. The manager said: "You must be
getting on quite prosperous. You look always so happy." How
lucky he had no X-ray apparatus to see my empty stomach.

The springs of human fellowship, of hope and courage
well up continuously in the heart that has set itself to
conquer difficulty and achieve its purpose. There is one
supreme human quality that stands above and apart from
virtues and vices, and determines a man's or woman's
charm and force of personality. It is the quality of vitality.
It is the fairy godmother's gift at birth, and is worth more
to its possessor than silver or gold, and he or she is lucky
who is endowed with it. It is this quality of vitality that
endears the Japanese artist to his large circle of friends,
and it is this quality, manifest in every word of his book,
that gives it so poignant an interest.

There are pages that afford pleasant reading to British
folk who are proud of their country. New Haven, the port
at which Mr. Markino landed, he calls "New Heaven."

The first day of his arrival in London he goes to Hyde
Park. "Nobody spat on me." He ventured into the
thickest part of the ground. "Nobody took any notice of
me."

P'rhaps nobody could ever imagine my most grateful feeling at
this moment except those of my fellow-country friends who were in
California once. Even now, after some thirteen years' stay in
London, I often have nightmares of California, and wake up in
mid night and wonder where I really am. When I realise that I
am in London I feel so happy.

He finds out the reason for this treatment of the Japanese
in England from a shopkeeper who sells him a box of
cigarettes. He treats him in quite the same way as other
customers.

I asked him if he had seen Japanese before. He said, "No."
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E. P. L.

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THE AUTUMN SESSION.

The prevailing Labour unrest is causing us all to realise more vividly than ever the supreme importance of women's enfranchisement from the industrial point of view. In the world of industry there is constant conflict between Capital and Labour, and sometimes we find, as at present in the Edinburgh printing trade, that conflict arises also between the two sections of Labour—the men workers on the one hand, the women workers on the other. Now, certain people, whose knowledge of such matters is scanty and out of date, are under the impression that these industrial battles must necessarily be fought, not with a political weapon, but by means of strikes and lock-outs, and therefore they do not at all understand the Suffragist argument that to deprive women of the vote is to leave them unarmed upon the battlefield of industry.

Suffragists, being more awake to the signs of the times, realise that strikes and lock-outs, if only because of their evil consequences to those immediately concerned and to the whole community, are being discarded, while in their stead is employed the political method, whereby the elected representatives of the employers, of the workers, and of the public at large,

discuss and arrive at a settlement of industrial questions. This modern plan is one which works well enough as far as those are concerned who have the right of electing Members of Parliament, but it is a terrible danger to our five millions of women workers, who have not between them so much as a single vote. This great body of unrepresented labour is utterly defenceless against the encroachments of self-interested employers and working-men competitors. Their claim to a living wage, even their right to work, are absolutely at the mercy of the privileged, because enfranchised, male classes of the community.

As a measure of the peril in which the lack of the vote places women workers, let us consider the latest statements of working-men and others with regard to the interdependence of politics and industry. Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P., ex-chairman of the Labour Party, roundly declares that "Trade Unionism is no longer able to deal with organised capital except on the lines which organised capital has adopted, namely: to get control of the Parliamentary machine." *The Nation* expresses the same point of view, by saying that the older phases of Trades Unionism are all of them becoming each year of less relative importance, and that the defence of the workman's class and trade interests is now transferred by inevitable development to the domain of politics.

Are women workers to be utterly barred out from this domain of politics, in which are being settled questions of the gravest and closest concern to them? There are women of all classes (for women, irrespective of their personal condition in life, are at one in their desire that the wage-earners of their sex shall have fair play) who are resolved that this injustice shall be broken down. They make of the Government the demand, which has behind it the whole strength and vigour of their being, that the Bill for women's enfranchisement shall forthwith become law. Mr. Shackleton, who introduced the Bill, has just been discussing its prospects. After asserting his confidence in the future of the Bill, which he says "is on a democratic basis, whatever Mr. Lloyd George or Mr. Winston Churchill may say," and declaring that the Cabinet cannot be allowed to thwart the will of the House of Commons in this matter, Mr. Shackleton proceeded to speak of what may be expected to happen when Parliament reassembles in November. He said that, though any further procedure must be subject to the pressure which friends of the movement could bring to bear, yet he thought that the Bill would not become law in the present year. His reason for holding this opinion is that "we shall in November probably be in the last round of the present Parliament and shall be getting to grips with the House of Lords question."

We are by no means so sure as is Mr. Shackleton, or as Mr. Redmond seems also to be, that the Government will allow the Lords question to come to a head this year. Certainly, the announcement that meetings of the Conference will not be resumed until November does not argue any great eagerness on the part of the Government to "come to grips" with the question. But whether the Lords question still slumbers, or whether it is awake and clamant, and whether or no Parliament is near its end, the Women's Social and Political Union will tolerate no further obstruction of the Conciliation Bill. If the friends of the Bill in the House of Commons can induce the Government on the reassembling of Parliament to grant the necessary facilities, well and good. But if their representations are ignored, then without delay the members of this Union will take matters into their own hands, and, listening to no excuses which the Prime Minister may have to make for his unconstitutional behaviour, they will march to Westminster to demand that their charter of liberty be signed. If the Government persist in wrecking the Conciliation Bill, they must be prepared to cope with deliberate and widespread resistance on the part of women to the unconstitutional rule of irresponsible politicians. Government rests upon the consent of the governed. Of this fundamental truth women have taken firm hold, and if they are not given the vote, which is the constitutional means of expressing assent to being governed, then they will refuse their assent by whatever other means are available to them. The days of submission are over and gone.

Christabel Pankhurst.

THE PROPRTIED VOTER.

A Challenge to Mr. Lloyd George. By Laurence Housman.

One of the most valuable results to our national life of the Women's Suffrage Movement lies in the fact that it is building up by its organisations a great body of public opinion independent of vested political interests. The thousands of able and public-spirited women who are taking their share in this great struggle for sex-justice have nothing to expect of the loaves and fishes which the Party system provides for its faithful supporters; they look for no material reward outside the success of their cause. We have thus, introduced into political life, a great unpropertied interest, an interest which does not contend for the £5,000 sweepstakes of Cabinet office, but only for the express recognition by the State of woman's claim to full citizenship. It comes with hands clean above all suspicion of political corruption—alloyed to no Party, though unwilling to be hostile to any; and it asks that the greatest of all existing propertied qualifications for political power—the qualification of sex-proprietorship by which man, merely because he is man, claims to legislate for and put taxes upon the woman without her voice or consent—shall be reduced, to begin with, by the enfranchisement of about a million women of all classes in the community.

It is a beginning. Reckoning, as all practical measures of reform are bound to do, with the imperfection of existing conditions, it finds its embodiment in a Bill which does not indeed secure that equality between man and woman which is the goal of all true Suffragists, because that equality would not be conceded by the present House of Commons, in spite of its large Liberal majority. But the Bill, emanating from a strong committee of all parties, is, in all probability, the largest measure of enfranchisement which the House, as at present constituted, is willing to pass into law; and whatever else it fails to do, it does, by admitting a million women to the electorate, reduce by just that amount in the general balance of political power, the most fundamental of all propertied claims—the man's claim to political domination over the woman.

There is no getting round that fact; but the blindness to its significance of the party politician is only another proof of how little, in spite of lip-service, he regards the differential value of the woman's vote, or has any doubt whatever as to the general beneficence of that political tyranny which he, like Mr. Lloyd George, seeks to prolong until his own party purposes will be served by its discontinuance. Every politician, every male voter, holds and exercises over the woman, where law-making is concerned, the privileges of a property-owner, imposing conditions without asking her consent, extracting monetary values without any obligation to render her an account of his stewardship. That is what we do to things which we hold as property, and that is what, politically, we are doing to women. Yet so blind are our leading politicians to the immoral complexion of a system which thus binds down one half of the community as the political property of the other half, that they would sooner continue this monstrous and wholesale injustice for a further indefinite term of years than pass into law any Bill for its removal which does not insure an electoral advantage to their own side in politics! Could we have a more flagrant proof of the demoralising effect of unfair political privilege upon human character?

The Adult Suffragist can show no similar denial of citizenship to any unpropertied class of our male population. With sobriety and industry, every working man in this country to-day can obtain a vote, and, barring the accidents of unemployment and removal—which are never so extensive as to disfranchise and leave unrepresented a whole class as women are left—he can exercise that vote in the support of his own interests. Manhood Suffrage, or something very near to it, is within the reach of the adult males of our industrial population. If, therefore, among our present electorate there is any considerable preponderance of the propertied vote, it is largely due to the indifference

of the men themselves and to their undemocratic failure to qualify as voters. If they felt the pinch of political injustice as women feel it, they could and they would qualify in self-defence, and would not leave the registration of the small occupiers and the lodger voters to the paid energies of the party agents; nor would they bargain to be carried to the polling-booths in motor-cars before promising to record their votes. To-day the working men of this country are, if they choose, a majority in the electorate. Yet even if we had manhood suffrage fully established, every one of those men would be, in respect of the womanhood of this country, a propertied voter; and every extension of suffrage facilities toward men of whatever class is an extension of the propertied vote. For the working man does not—it is hardly to be expected of him—regard woman any less as his property than does the Member of Parliament who imposes taxes upon her, and makes laws for her government without first seeking her consent. There is no Parliamentary vote in our present electorate that has not upon it the taint of sex-proprietorship; and the more our politicians are blind to that fact, the more does it become a dangerous power in their hands.

The Conciliation Bill seeks, therefore, to effect a great reduction in this property vote—not by disfranchisement, but by striking the beginning of a balance, in the proportion of one million women to eight million men; and among nominal Suffragists of the professional politician class, its opponents are chiefly those who have a very large propertied stake in the political world—men with moneyed interests in their own political success, Cabinet Ministers like Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Winston Churchill, and their subordinates in office. And it is just as well, while these two protagonists of back-stair-sliding are inveighing against propertied distinctions as a basis for political power, to point out that in the House of Commons a large proportion of the Liberal vote cast against the Conciliation Bill was the vote of salaried officials—was therefore the vote of a peculiarly propertied class in the political sense—men who stand to lose money if the votes of the newly enfranchised should go against them at the next election.

Mr. Lloyd George, in his objections to the undemocratic and propertied voter, cannot have it both ways. If a propertied taint clings to the voting qualification of these million women, the majority of whom will be wage-earners, and the vast majority women whose means do not permit them to keep more than one servant, then a far greater taint clings to the vote of one who stands to keep or to lose a salary of £5,000, according to the political complexion of those whose enfranchisement he opposes. Calculation and criticism have been too exclusively directed to the propertied vote outside the House of Commons among the electorate. It is time to consider the propertied vote, of a peculiarly precarious kind, which exists inside the House itself, and which resides more especially upon the Treasury Bench. It is that propertied vote more than any other which has directed its forces against the Conciliation Bill, and still works most actively for its destruction.

MRS. AYRTON ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Points from a speech by Mrs. Hertha Ayrton—the distinguished scientist and the only woman member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers—at Sheffield on September 3.

Scientific women are hindered in their careers by the want of the vote. Women can win medals awarded to them by the Royal Society, but they cannot become "fellows" of that society. They cannot have the degree at Oxford or Cambridge. Sheffield is more enlightened, and gives degrees to men and women alike.

The opposition to Woman Suffrage is really to a large extent of a selfish character. The argument that "we don't know what result will follow" is a coward's argument. When you try an experiment, do you ever know what the

result will be? The definition of a fool is one who has never made an experiment. Are we a nation of fools? No. It is not the foolish element, but the selfish element that speaks. Before every extension of the political franchise prophecies of disaster were indulged in, and every time they were falsified.

Every party opposed to us prophesies to itself disaster if women get the vote. The anti-suffrage men fear that they will lose some power—their sex dominance, some sort of influence. The anti-suffrage women believe that they will lose that pity which they call chivalry. Among the anti-suffrage women there are some who are genuinely and pathetically humble, and who really believe that men are superior to women in almost all things. But these are not the women who are our real foes. Our real foes are the superior women, the women who think that they would lose some result of the superiority that they possess.

They happen to be beautiful, young, or wealthy, or to have a fine position, and from these advantages they reap a power which they know is denied to the old, the withered, the poor and the downtrodden. But what do they care? What they want is to get the power which comes to them from this superiority. They forget that however superior they may be, yet they are less extraordinary than ordinary; that they have more points in common with their sisters than differences from them; and so, with their little rags of extra power, they try to stick to all that they have and never think of the great mass of women who are sweating and groaning beneath a burden which they have no power, either direct or indirect, to lighten.

The anti-suffragists say that there is no solid body of intelligent opinion at the back of the demand for the vote. That is not a prophecy but a falsehood. Contrast the enthusiasm of the Suffragettes with the slackness of the anti-Suffragettes.

This movement has behind it almost every literary man of any reputation in England, with one exception—Rudyard Kipling, who is steeped in Oriental ideas. The best-known peers on the anti-suffrage side—Lord Cromer and Lord Curzon—are men whose greatest work has been done in Oriental countries, and they also are steeped in Oriental ideas.

With regard to the anti-suffragist contention that sweated women workers should organise trade unions, the women in 70 sweated trades do not earn seven shillings for a full week's work. How can women in a position like that—many of them with aged parents or with children or with a sick husband—be expected to organise trade unions? It is a mockery. If the organisations of trade unions had the effect they are said to have, why do Labour members make so much fuss about the Osborne judgment? They know that without the vote trade unions are powerless, so that even if women were able to organise trade unions they would be useless without the vote.

As to the idea that women must devote themselves to looking after their homes and families, that is a terrible indictment against the husbands! Are women so fully occupied, are they such slaves, that they have no time to make up their minds as to which of two or three candidates should represent them in Parliament? I think the men are wronging them in saying so. We do have a little time. I think even Mrs. Humphry Ward—who laid down the law that during fifteen years of a woman's life, when she is having children, she has no time for political thought—should admit this. I don't believe she really stopped writing, reading, and thinking during fifteen years of her married life. I don't remember any hiatus in her publication of novels. I am afraid Mrs. Humphry Ward considers herself a superior woman who is not bound by the fetters which she devises for others.

A RHYME WITH A MORAL.

There once was a rock by the edge of the sea,
And he sang: "I'm as firm as firm can be;
You can tell I'm a hard, firm rock," said he,
"By the way the barnacles cling to me."

There once were some "ant's," who said to me,
"Oh, we are as firm as firm can be;
You can tell that as strong as rocks are we
By the age of our arguments—don't you see?"

Now the waves they splashed round the rock in vain,
When they broke against it they tried again;
But the rock never budged, though they tried
And tried—

He stood quite firm while the rising tide
Came in; and the rock was perplexed to find
He was most unaccountably left behind,
Just as firm as firm could be,
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O. H.

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Friday, September 23.—Town Hall, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.

ISLE OF WIGHT.

The campaign in the Island has been an undoubted success, and most grateful thanks are due to all who have worked so hard to make it so. Both the Reading members who helped and those in the Island are congratulated on the success of their work.

A correspondent sends the following:—"On Friday of last week the first Suffragette meeting in connection with the Women's Social and Political Union was held in the Grand Pavilion, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, at which Lady Constance Lytton was the speaker. There was a large and fashionable audience, despite the fact that the 'clerk of the weather' was in one of his generous moods, and had provided a real summer day. As I entered the hall I saw a number of ladies all proudly wearing their colours—green, white, and violet—showing people to their seats, and I rather envied them their distinction. Lady Constance Lytton was enthusiastically received, and she gave her audience a brief sketch of how she had herself become a militant suffragette. She pointed out how unfairly the suffragettes had been treated, and told of her unpleasant experiences in prison, of the horrors of forcible feeding and the carelessness of the prison doctors and officials. She said many people had asked her why she allowed herself to be arrested and put into prison, thus 'disgracing' her distinguished family. She had scratched this reply to the question on her prison cell wall:

"To defend the opposed,
To fight for the oppressed,
NOT COUNTING THE COST."

Lady Constance Lytton's speech was followed with close attention, and, judging by the enthusiasm of the audience, there is every reason to believe that the movement has many supporters in that beautiful Garden Isle which is so popular with the holiday-making public.—*THE WALLACE.*

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHSEA.

Organiser—Miss C. A. L. Marsh, 21, King Street, Southsea.

The holiday campaign will close to-morrow (Saturday). The meetings have been most successful, and a great deal of interest has been aroused. The organisers will be away from the district for a week, and on her return, on Sept. 26, will divide her time between Portsmouth and Southampton. During her short absence, Miss Marsh hopes that members will sell the paper in the streets and not allow local circulation to go down. Papers can be obtained from Miss Fenock, 7, Cranewater Avenue. It is hoped to start speakers' classes shortly. Mrs. Blake, an elocutionist, has kindly offered to help with this in Portsmouth. Members wishing to join should send in their names to the organiser. Members are very grateful to Mrs. Jempey, a Hithin member, Mr. Fenock, Mr. Sutherland and Mr. Robinson for their support at meetings. A full list of meetings will be given each week and members are urged to attend. It has been suggested that sympathisers should make a monthly contribution to the campaign fund. The organiser will be glad to receive the names of those willing to help in this way.

SEAFORD.

The Holiday Campaign has proved most successful, and has gained many new friends for the cause. Recent meetings, which have been large and enthusiastic, have been addressed by Mrs. Leigh, Miss Naylor, Miss Davison, Mrs. Penn Gaskell, and others, and the splendid sale of the paper has been maintained. The

concluding meeting of the series was held on Saturday last, and after Miss Davison's admirable speech many requests were made for one more meeting, and great regret was expressed when it was found that this was impossible.

SOUTHAMPTON.

Friday, September 16.—Asylum Green. Chair: Miss Kennedy. 7.30 p.m.
Saturday, September 17.—Kingsland Square, 6.30 p.m.

SOUTHEND.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Haslock, St. Ursula, King's Road, Westcliff.

In spite of showery weather some very successful meetings were held here and in the neighbouring villages. An enthusiastic meeting (due to the energy of the Misses Rock) was held on September 5, in Ingatstone. Everyone in the village turned out, a local clergyman was kind enough to lend a special acetylene lamp, which was placed on the top of the village pump to light up the platform. The audience was most interested, and the stock of papers was not large enough to meet the demand. Offers of drawing rooms and small halls for meetings will be gladly welcomed.

MRS. PETHICK LAWRENCE AT YARMOUTH.

The *Eastern Daily Press*, reporting Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's meeting in the Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, says: "The open-air campaign that has been in progress with the battle cry of 'Votes for Women' during the past fortnight was brought to a successful conclusion with a mass meeting in the Town Hall. The hall was well filled with both sexes, ladies predominating."

Miss Leonora Tyson, who presided, moved the following resolution: "That this meeting thanks Mr. Arthur Fell, member for Yarmouth, for recording his vote in favour of the Conciliation Bill, and calls upon him to use his influence in Parliament to secure the passing into law of the Bill, which obtained the great majority of 110 votes on its second reading, thus ensuring that the will of the people as expressed by their representatives in the House of Commons shall prevail."

Mrs. Brasford, who seconded this resolution, said that every month the question of Votes for Women became more acute and more interesting, because more practical. It was said that by their militant, unlikable methods they had alienated the sympathy of the House of Commons; but what they had really done was to root out the few individuals who never helped them and yet called themselves life-long Suffragists. This was not a sex war—the best men of the country were coming forward to stand by their side and help them.

Ideals of Womanhood.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, supporting the resolution, read a letter from a Yarmouth gentleman who regretted his inability to attend because he had a higher ideal of womanhood than political controversy could develop; and it was because he so revered women's work and women's influence in a right sphere that the present unfeminine and unwomanly agitation pained and distressed him. Another wrote that: "There was a higher sphere for women than the rough and tumble of the political arena." What, asked Mrs. Lawrence, was a womanly woman? What of Florence Nightingale, who saved half the British Army? What of Joan of Arc, who led her countrymen against their invaders? Let them study the Government report just issued on infant mortality. What a record of tragedy and outrage on motherhood, what a story of maimed and diseased children! To millions in this country motherhood was a blind agony and a paralysing fear. Did not that justify women coming into the rough and tumble of political life? Defending militant methods, Mrs. Lawrence said that perhaps objectors did not know

what those methods were and the reason for them, or that certain measures were necessary to advance the cause after other means had failed. More had to fight and suffer before they won constitutional liberties, yet they thought they could secure women who had not resorted to bloodshed, but had simply broken a few absurd police regulations. If they believed women ought to be free, let them never say they did not believe in the militant movement. Its whole justification was its necessity, and the moment the necessity ceased militant methods would cease. They meant to fight for freedom, and never cease till the victory was won.

The resolution was carried by an overwhelming majority, and afterwards sent to Mr. Fell, member for Yarmouth.

A SPECIAL CAMPAIGN IN NORWOOD.

Organiser: Miss Helen Craggs.
Office: 110, Norwood Road.

A special house to house canvass will take place in the Parliamentary Constituency of Norwood, one of the objects of which will be to obtain the signatures of residents to a memorial to the Prime Minister asking that further facilities be accorded to the Woman Suffrage Bill. It is hoped that in this way W.S.P.U. workers will come into close touch with the women of every household. The organiser will be Miss Helen Craggs, who will have the valuable assistance of Miss D. Tyson. An Office is to be opened on Saturday at 140, Norwood Road, in the heart of the Constituency. The Constituency will be divided into eleven wards, each in charge of a Ward Agent. A number of canvassers will be required—at least five or six under each Ward Agent, so that quite an army of workers will be necessary to carry out this Campaign successfully. Volunteers are wanted to begin the work of Ward Agents and Canvassers at once. Offers of help should be sent to Miss H. Craggs, 4, Clements Inn, W.C. Her work will be considerably facilitated if volunteers, when writing, will specify exactly how much time they can give, and the particular days on which they can help. Norwood members are specially appealed to help in this scheme, as their local knowledge will be of great assistance.

SPEAKERS' CLASS.

Elocution Mistress, Miss Rosa Leo, 45, Ashworth Mansions, Egin Avenue, W.
Secretary, Miss Hale, 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

The public classes for speakers which, through the kindness of the Misses Brackenbury, were held during the spring and early summer in their studio, will recommence on Friday, September 23, in Room 72, 4, Clements Inn, and will be held every succeeding Friday at 7.45 p.m. Will members please note this change of address. Miss Rosa Leo, who kindly gives her services as Elocution Mistress, has been very pleased with the progress that the Speakers' Class has already made, and hopes to turn out a great many new speakers during the winter. The following special rules have now been drawn up.

RULES.

1. Members of the Union only are eligible.
2. The class will be held now at 4, Clements Inn, Room 72, every Friday at 7.45 p.m. sharp.
3. Entrance fee to be 3d. weekly, the proceeds to be used for the purchase of educational literature.
4. Members are limited to ten classes, which must run consecutively, and it must be clearly

understood that these classes are open to intending speakers only.

By kind permission of Mrs. Ayrton the private classes will now be held at 41, Norfolk Square, Hyde Park, and will begin on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 7.45 p.m. These classes will be held every succeeding Tuesday at the same time, and also every Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. The terms for these are one guinea, payable in advance, for a course of ten lessons, and members desirous of joining should send in their names at once to Miss Rosa Leo, 45, Ashworth Mansions, Egin Avenue, W.

A USEFUL HINT.

If husband and wife are one, the law should not decide whether it is the man or the woman who wields the voting power of that one. Let them both vote! Nothing will rouse the mass of non-political women into action so surely as the speeches and the agitation of anti-Suffragists. Women will stand a good deal, but the laboured demonstration that physiologically they are unfit to form an opinion on how their own children should be educated, and physically unable to make a cross on a ballot paper, is too much. Nothing in the world will make a woman so keen to vote as the supercilious speeches of the men who maintain the intrinsic, hereditary, ineradicable inferiority of woman to man in all things pertaining to the exercise of the rights of citizenship.

Women are cheap to-day, should be written up over every anti-Suffragist platform. Very cheap indeed, judging from some specimen anti-Suffragists. But the employment of £100,000 in cheapening them all over the country is just the one thing necessary to make the success of woman's suffrage a certainty. The proper course to be taken by all friends of woman's suffrage is to welcome every anti-Suffragist demonstration, and to move a rider to the anti-Suffragist resolution. This rider might run something like this:—And whereas it has been conclusively demonstrated that woman is physically weaker, intellectually inferior, and morally less trustworthy than man, on whom she is economically dependent, this meeting calls upon the Imperial Parliament to pass a law making it a criminal offence punishable by fine and imprisonment for any woman to desert her hearth and home for the purpose of taking part in the proceedings of any political League, Society, or Association, and that such penalty shall be doubled in the case of any woman who appears on the platform or attends a meeting of the Anti-Suffrage Association.

The latter clause could be varied, although it is obviously just and logical as it stands. Women who are self-confessed idiots in political matters have no excuse for dabbling in anti-Suffrage politics. Such a rider would show up better than anything else the egregious absurdity of urging women to do all the dirty work of politics while refusing to allow them the ladylike occupation of making a cross in secret on a ballot paper.

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REPORTS FROM ORGANISERS.

Members all over the country are hard at work preparing for autumn campaigns and making plans for the winter. There is great need of workers, and the present is no time for any woman to stand aloof. If you are only a sympathiser, become a member, and take your part in the work that has to be done. Pledge cards can be had either from 4, Clements Inn or from any of the Local Unions.

General Offices: W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Thanks to Miss Denise Shepherd, who responded readily to the appeal for a Press-cart driver, that post is now filled. Again an urgent appeal is made for paper-sellers. New pitches are being started, and Miss Ainsworth will be glad to hear from any members or sympathisers who can give regular time weekly to this important work. If any member knows of a convenient and good place for paper-selling, will they communicate with her at the Woman's Press Shop, 166, Charing Cross Road. Members are again reminded of the Speakers' Class, particulars of which will be found on page 816.

BATTERSEA AND CLAPHAM.

Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Mrs. Halsey, 45, Cambridge Mansions.

Members will learn with regret that the local secretary is leaving Battersea immediately owing to the death of her brother, whom she has devotedly nursed for many months. The Sunday meeting sent Mrs. Halsey a message of sincere sympathy in her great loss. The Park meeting was addressed by Miss Cameron, whose audience listened with keen interest and appreciation to a clever and most instructive speech. Some intelligent questions were asked at the close, and a collection was taken. The paper sold well, and a large number of the new Conciliation Bill leaflets were distributed. Will members of this and neighbouring Unions note that a whist drive will take place in the Lower Town Hall on Thursday, September 29, at 7.30 p.m., in aid of the funds of the local Union? Tickets can be obtained at 1s. each from Mrs. Hinton, 26, Dorothy Road, Lavender Hill, S.W., and Mrs. Strong, 84, Elspeth Road, Lavender Hill, S.W.

CAMBERWELL AND PECKHAM.

**Office—4, Church Street, Camberwell.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Haffers, 44, Barry Road, East Dulwich.**

The Sunday afternoon meetings recommence on September 19, when Mrs. MacKenzie will speak. Now that the holidays are over it is hoped that there will be a good rally of members to help with the paper-selling, and in other ways.

CHelsea and KENSAL TOWN.

Shop and Office—100, King's Road.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Haig and Miss Barry.
The Jumble Sale will take place about the middle of October. A large basement is ready for parcels, and the Secretary would be grateful if they could be sent in as soon as possible. The Wednesday evening lectures will begin again in October, and the committee will be glad to hear of any friend who will lend her drawing-room for a meeting during that month. They hope to arrange to have, if possible, one drawing-room meeting monthly.

CHISWICK.

Hon. Sec.—Miss G. M. A. Coombes, 50, Sutton Court Road.

Members gathered for their first autumn meeting on Tuesday last. Will those who were not present note that there will be a meeting to-day (Friday) at 21, Brandenburgh Road at 8 o'clock? A hearty invitation is also extended to any woman in Chiswick who is not yet a member but who is interested in the movement. On October 1 a performance will be kindly given by the Actresses Franchise League, in aid of the local funds, in the Town Hall—details later. During the winter four Chiswick dances for members and their friends have been arranged. Further particulars later. This is the beginning of the year in Chiswick, and it is hoped that many new members will come in to help carry off the winter's work.

CROYDON.

**Office—2, Station Buildings, West Croydon.
Tel. 200 Croydon (Nat.). Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cameron-Swan, 10, Mayfield Road, Sandhurst, Surrey.**

Members are asked to note that last week's report was inadvertently placed under Reading. Helpers are needed for open-air meetings. A member has suggested that the local Shop should be made the object of a weekly penny fund. A penny a week from every member would almost entirely cover the expenses of the office rent, gas, etc. The originator of the idea has handed in fourpence as her share for a month, and

hopes that other members will follow suit; one or two others have expressed their willingness to act as monthly collectors. Thanks to Miss Doggett for her kind donation of 2s. If any members have parcels for the autumn Jumble Sale, the secretary will be glad to receive them at the Shop, or will undertake to fetch them away if so desired.

FOREST GATE.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Henshaw, 225, High Street, East Ham.

Mrs. Drummond met members on Friday at Earlham Hall, and plans were made for the autumn campaign. Mrs. Parker has promised a drawing-room meeting at an early date; will other members and friends do the same? Miss Friedlander has been obliged, owing to lack of time, to resign the Secretaryship, and communications should in future be addressed to Miss Henshaw, who has kindly undertaken the work, at above address. Other officers are as follows: Treasurer, Mrs. Cottle; Literature Secretary, Mrs. Sherring; Lecture Secretary, Mrs. Parker; Open-Air Meetings Secretary, Miss Wingrove. Funds for the winter's work are now much needed.

HAMPSTEAD.

**Shop and Office—50, Heath Street.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. A. E. Weaver, 11, Galsborough Gardens, Hampstead Heath, N.W.**

Miss M. Atkinson gave an excellent speech on Sunday morning to a sympathetic crowd. A gentleman from America kindly gave 1s. towards shop expenditure. Grateful thanks to Mrs. A. Gordon for subscription of £1 for the same purpose.

ILFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss E. G. Haslam, 68, Cranbrook Road.

Now that holidays are over autumn work is in full swing. Members are particularly requested to remember that meetings are held every Saturday, without fail, either opposite Ilford Station or outside the Town Hall at 8 p.m. and every Wednesday in the surrounding districts. For list of meetings see Programme. A large attendance is requested at Thursday's meeting, as there is important business to be discussed.

ISLINGTON.

Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Casserley, 39, Church Crescent, Finsbury Hill, N.

During this holiday month work has been carried on solely by the efforts of several devoted members, who have kept up one open-air meeting weekly, and also the sale of the paper in Upper Street. Now that workers are returning from holidays it is to be hoped that this will be greatly increased, and that at least three meetings will be held weekly. The great need at present is for chairmen at the open-air meetings, and new speakers who wish to practice are asked to communicate with the secretary. Will those members who are unable to attend the workers' meeting on Sept. 15 kindly send their subscriptions?

LAMBETH.

Organising Sec.—Miss Leonard Tyson, 37, Drayton Road, Streatham.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bartels, 21, Acacia Grove, Dalwich.
Active preparations are in progress for the autumn campaign, and members who have returned from holiday-making should take their turn and relieve those who have so loyally kept on the open-air meetings in Brockwell Park and Streatham Common during July and August. A series of lectures on great Englishwomen is being arranged, and the co-operation of some very able speakers has already been secured. Full particulars later. Please read "Norwood Campaign," page 816.

LEWISHAM.

Shop and Office—107, High Street, Lewisham.

Shop hours: 2 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bouvier, 22, Mount Pleasant Road.

Miss L. Tyson round the Sunday audience on Hilly Fields to a high pitch of enthusiasm by her interesting and eloquent address. The supply of Votes for Women was sold out and a good collection was taken. Will each member or sympathiser make herself responsible for bringing at least one friend to the General Meeting on September 23, when the Annual Report will be read, and Miss Decima Moore will speak and recite? Volunteers to help at the refreshment stall on that evening are requested to send in their names to Mrs. Glazier at the Shop. Posters, handbills and tickets (on sale or return) for the Public Meeting on October 18, at the Parish Hall (Speakers, Lady C. Lytton and Mr. Brailford; Chair, Mrs. Hiscox) can be obtained at the Shop. Will those who can steward send in their names to Mrs. McKenzie at the Shop? A grand Tier Box for the Albert Hall Demonstration on November 10 has been secured, seats 2s. each. Members wishing for tickets should send in their names at once as the number is limited. Tickets for other parts of the Hall can also be obtained by members. Thanks to Miss M. Spou for becoming a regular contributor to the Shop rent fund, to Mrs. Parry and the Misses Townsend

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NORTH ISLINGTON (LATE HORNSEY).

Hon. Secs.—Miss Clara Browne, 11, Gladsmuir Road, Highgate, and Miss Jackson, 45, Langdon Park Road, Highgate.

Grateful acknowledgments to the volunteers who responded to the appeal made last week for helpers at the open-air meetings. It is hoped they will continue their good work. An excellent meeting was held on Thursday last at Hanley Road, when Miss Herbert spoke, and on Saturday Mrs. Bouvier addressed a large and distinctly interested crowd at St. John's Park. Members are asked to note that the Hanley Road meetings will in future take place on alternate Wednesdays instead of Thursdays. The St. Thomas Road meeting will be discontinued, and a meeting held on alternate Fridays at the corner of Seven Sisters and Hornsey Roads, commencing 23rd inst.

N.W. LONDON.

**Shop and Office—318, High Road Kilburn, Tel. 1183.
Hampstead. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Penn Gaskell, 15, Kneill Road, Willesden.**

Since its re-opening on Sept. 1 the shop has been doing good business under the management of Miss Woolan and her staff of helpers. Many attractive new features have been introduced. Outdoor meetings are now in full swing. The Sunday meetings in Glaieston Park were resumed last Sunday, when Mrs. Kranich and Miss Auerbach addressed a large and sympathetic audience. A Jumble Sale in aid of the funds will be held in the Autumn. Parcels will be most gratefully received at the shop.

PUTNEY AND FULHAM.

Shop—305, Fulham Road.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Guttan, 37, Parson's Green, S.W., and Mrs. M. Roberts.

Paper-selling has been resumed, and the Sunday afternoon meetings on Putney Heath will recommence on September 18, when Miss Naylor will speak. Volunteers for the Walham Green Station and Putney Post Office pitches from 7 to 8 every Friday are urgently needed. A companion can always be provided for anyone who does not care to sell alone. Last Friday four volunteers came, and had a most encouraging reception at both pitches. Stewards for open-air meetings are asked to meet at the shop half an hour before the advertised time of meeting. After the holiday month funds are running low, and the Treasurer appeals to members to help in one or more of the following ways: 1. A small weekly subscription

towards the shop rent. 2. Send or bring parcels for Jumble Sale to the shop any evening, or Friday morning. 3. Pay up arrears of shop rent if already a subscriber. 4. Buy all new-laid eggs (20 dozen guaranteed, on sale weekly) and other goods at the shop. 5. Give books for which they have no further use to the lending library. 6. Supply jam-makers with empty jam-jars. Tickets for Albert Hall boxes may be ordered through the Secretary.

RICHMOND AND Kew.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Clayton, Clangariff, New Road, Richmond.

The next members' meeting will be held at the above address on Thursday, September 29. Particulars of forthcoming general meetings and the date of resumption will shortly be announced. Members desiring tickets for the Albert Hall meeting, on Thursday, November 10, should communicate with the Secretary as soon as possible.

SYDENHAM AND FOREST HILL.

Hon. Sec.—Miss J. M. Pollard, Marshwood, 4, Burg Hill Road, Sydenham.

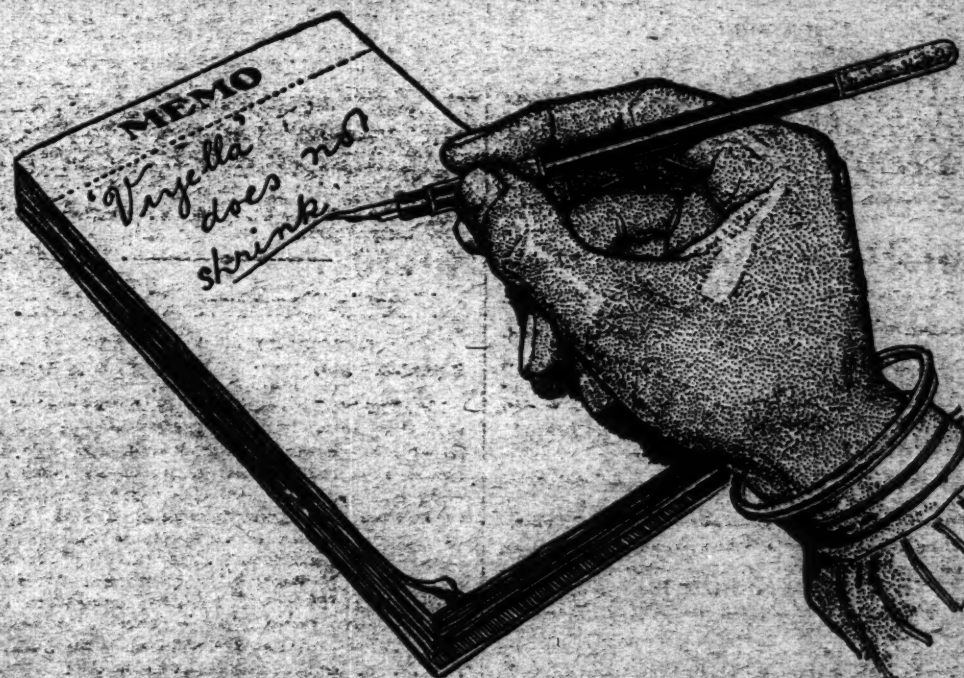
The autumn campaign opens with a drawing-room meeting to be held by the kindness of Miss Watts at 68, West Hill, on Sept. 30 at 3 p.m. Speakers, Lady Constance Lytton and Miss Abadam. The Secretary will be glad if sympathisers in the neighbourhood who have not yet joined the local union will communicate with her. Offers of help in house to house distribution of leaflets will be welcomed. Names should be sent to Hon. Sec. or to Miss Stratfield, Wynthorpe, Longton Avenue.

WIMBLEDON.

**Shop: 6, Victoria Crescent, Broadway, Tel. 1822.
P.O. Wimbledon.**

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Lorisnel, 37, Merion Hall Road.

During the absence of the Hon. Treasurer on holiday, members are asked to come forward for extra duty to help fill her place. Volunteers are also needed to make the Jumble Sale a success. All those able and willing to help should send in their names to Mrs. Montgomery Martin at the shop. Parcels for the sale should be sent as soon as possible to Dorset Hall, Merton, and friends having parcels they cannot send are asked to send word to the office when they shall be sent for. Members and friends are again reminded to attend the weekly rallies on Friday, at 4 p.m., to talk over the autumn campaign. They will be also interested in the new goods on sale at the shop. The Votes Captain asks those members who cannot stand with the sellers on Fridays and Saturdays to promise to take half-a-dozen copies weekly and dispose of them



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LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

September.			
Friday, 16.	Brocknook Road, Boston Corner	Miss Dodd, Miss Darton	7.30 p.m.
" "	Croydon, Katharine Street	Miss Davison, Miss M. Trinn	8 p.m.
" "	Kensal Rise, Chesham Road		7.30 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon, 6, Victoria Crescent		
Saturday, 17.	Broadway	Members Rally	4 p.m.
" "	Brockley, St. Margaret's Road	Mrs. Bouvier, Chair, Mrs. Leigh	7.30 p.m.
" "	Crouch End, Clock Tower	Miss Bayliff	7.30 p.m.
" "	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Miss Wyatt	8 p.m.
" "	Ilford, outside Station or Town Hall	Miss Haslam	8 p.m.
" "	Islington, Highbury Corner	Miss Barwell, Chair, Miss Hopkins	8 p.m.
Sunday, 18.	Lewisham Shop	Members' Rally	4.30 p.m.
" "	Brockwell Park	Mrs. Bartlett	2 p.m.
" "	Streatham Common	Miss Leonard Tyson	2 p.m.
" "	Hyde Park	Mr. Victor Duval, Mr. Trann	2 p.m.
" "	Glaieston Park	Miss E. Freeman, Chair, Miss Barwell	2.30 p.m.
" "	Islington, Newington Green	Mrs. Penn Gaskell, Mrs. Leigh	2.30 p.m.
" "	Lewisham, Hilly Fields	Mrs. Leigh, Chair, Miss Peace	7 p.m.
" "		Miss Nancy Lightman, Chair, Mrs. Bouvier	4.30 p.m.
" "	Peckham Rye	Mrs. McKenzie, Chair, Miss Dawson	3 p.m.
" "	Putney Heath	Miss Naylor	3.30 p.m.
" "	Thornton Heath, Clock	Miss West, Mrs. Leila Hall	2.30 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon Common	Miss Leila Hall, Chair, Mrs. Henry	3 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon Common	Mrs. Brailford	
Tuesday, 20.	Kilburn, Messias Avenue	Miss Burton, Miss Agnew	7.30 p.m.
" "	Sutton		8 p.m.
Wednesday, 21.	Iverson Road	Miss McClelland	7.30 p.m.
" "	Islington, Fenton Street	Miss Hopkins, Chair, Miss Casserley	8 p.m.
" "	Ilford, Manor Park, Fourth Avenue	Miss Haslam	8 p.m.
Thursday, 22.	Ilford, 68, Cranbrook Road	Business Meeting	8 p.m.
" "	Croydon, Katharine Street	Miss Leslie Hall	8 p.m.
" "	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Mrs. Penn Gaskell	8 p.m.
" "	Hornsey Road, Seven Sisters Road	Miss McManus	7.30 p.m.
" "	Kensal Rise, Chesham Road	Miss Richards, Miss McClelland	7.30 p.m.
" "	Lewisham, General Meeting	Miss Decima Moore	7.30 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon, 6, Victoria Crescent	Members' Rally	4 p.m.
" "	Broadway		

Thursday, November 10, Royal Albert Hall Meeting.

to their friends. If every member did this, the weekly sales would be increased enormously. Donations are thankfully acknowledged from M. Barry, "Audrey," M. L. Yates, M. Leigh, making in all a total of 12s. 2d.

Home Counties.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA.

A new Union has been started. The Hon. Sec. is Miss Mary Young, "Babico," Sea Road.

BOURNEMOUTH.

Saturday, September 17.—East Cliff Lift, 11.30 a.m.; Pokesdowne, Fisherman's Walk, 8 p.m.

CANTERBURY AND THANET.

Office—2, York Terrace, Ramsgate.
Organiser—Miss F. E. M. Macaulay.

Excellent open-air meetings have been held at Walmer, Herne Bay, Dover, and Folkestone. At Walmer and Dover Mrs. Arnett, a sweated worker, received a most sympathetic hearing from rich and poor alike for her graphic, first-hand description of the lives of so many women workers. A "record crowd," according to the *Dover Express*, welcomed with applause the news that Mrs. Pankhurst would shortly speak there in the Town Hall. Hearty thanks to Dr. Brunyate and Mrs. Jones: the capital advertisement did much to bring about the success of the meeting, as did the splendid chalking at Folkestone by Mrs. Griffiths, the Misses Key, and Miss Worsfold, and at Herne Bay by Miss Aldridge, while Miss Gertrude Harraden's indefatigable efforts secured a large and interested audience at Walmer. Members and friends at Herne Bay are earnestly asked to help make Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's visit to the Town Hall a huge success. For information apply to Mrs. Kessick-Bowes, 2, Marina Crescent, Herne Bay. Mrs. Annisley, Roe Dean, Herne Bay, wants stewards and literature sellers; and Miss Gladys Ramsey, The Grange, Herne Bay, needs volunteers for selling tickets. The organiser asks for paper sellers, and also for the names of those willing to help take charge of the office, to inspect which visitors are very cordially invited.

Wednesday, September 21.—Herne Bay Town Hall, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, 8 p.m.

ROCHESTER AND CHATHAM.

Organiser—Miss Laura Ainsworth, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Miss Laura Ainsworth has begun a campaign in Rochester and Chatham, and later on the work will extend to Gravesend and to Maidstone. Friends and sympathisers living in the district are asked to communicate with Miss Ainsworth at 4, Clements Inn.

The Midlands.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

Office—32, Paradise Street. Tel., 1433 Midland.
Organiser—Miss Dorothy Evans.

Many thanks to those members who helped to make the poster parades advertising the weekly meetings such a success. It is hoped the pronounced impression made by them will encourage others to be bold enough to come out and take their share of this public work. The Speakers' Classes, through the kindness of Miss Gladys Dale, will be resumed if a sufficient number wish to attend regularly. All those who find it difficult to make their voices heard or who have not yet gained full confidence are strongly advised to avail themselves of those invaluable classes. They will probably be held on Thursday evenings at the office. With those wishing to join kindly communicate with the organiser. Offers of work for the Birmingham stall in the Northern Exhibition are still needed. Those who would prefer to can procure articles ready designed and cut out from the office at small cost. Please note that there will be no weekly afternoon meeting on Sept. 23, and the evening meeting will be held in the Midland Institute instead of Queen's College.

Friday, September 16.—Queen's College. Mrs. Dove Wilcox, E. D. Kirby, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.S., at 3 and 8 p.m. Poster Parade, 11 a.m.

Saturday, September 17.—Queen's College, Miscellaneous Concert, 7.30 p.m.

Monday, September 19.—Smeethwick, Bridge Street. Dinner hour meeting, Miss E. Dale, 1.30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 20.—Smeethwick, Claremont Road. Miss Dorothy Evans, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, September 21.—Smeethwick, Tangway Works. Mrs. Bessie Smith, 1.30 p.m. Northfield, Rathvilly School. Miss Dorothy Evans, 7.30 p.m. Poster Parade, 6 p.m.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

Office—14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester. Tel., 1715 Leicester.

Organisers—Miss D. Pethick, Miss D. A. Bowker.

Loughborough starts its autumn campaign on Monday next with a visit from Miss Charlotte Marsh—a visit which has long been looked forward to by all. She speaks also in Leicester on Tuesday, and many members are longing to see and hear her. Handbills for Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's meetings are now ready, and tickets (1s. each) can be had from the organisers, who will be glad if members will call for them. A very important members' meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24, at the shop; members please take this as sufficient intimation, and turn up in numbers. Tickets for Albert Hall meeting can now be obtained. Excellent stall seats 2s. have been secured, also arena, 1s. The organisers will be glad of volunteers to look after the shop so as to be free to extend the campaign to other quarters.

Lady Constance Lytton's meeting—the first At Home of the autumn—was an immense success. Many new members were enrolled, old members were newly enthused, and all felt the impelling force of her exhortation "to do something."

Monday, September 19.—Loughborough, Lecture Room. Miss Charlotte Marsh, Miss D. Pethick, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, September 20.—New Walk, Sunday School Memorial Hall. At Home. Miss Charlotte Marsh, 4 to 6 p.m.

NOTTINGHAM.

Office—5, Carlton Street. Tel., 4511.

Organisers—Miss Crocker and Miss Roberts.

The weekly At Homes have now recommenced, and members are asked to keep Wednesday of every week free, and to make it a point of bringing outside friends. The first four At Homes will be held at Morley's Café, afterwards in Rooms 75 and 76, Mechanics' Institute.

Tuesday, September 20.—Newark, Market Place. Miss Crocker.

Wednesday, September 21.—Wheeler Gate, Morley's Café. At Home. Miss Charlotte Marsh, 8 p.m.

West of England.

BRISTOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—37, Queen's Road, Clifton. Tel., 1242.
Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney.

Members are eagerly looking forward to the visits of Lady Constance Lytton and Miss Deans Moore on September 24 and 27. Splendid meetings were held in Lyme Regis last Wednesday, where a good crowd was waiting, and also in the Rinnacieve Hall, Ilfracombe, on Thursday last. Two Liberal gentlemen asked several questions, and much interest was aroused. Many new members were made, and a local union is being formed at Ilfracombe in the course of a week or two. Over £15s. was taken in literature at the four open-air meetings. A local union has been formed to include scattered members in Wiltshire. Financial help is urgently needed to extend work this autumn to the following places: Exmouth, Tiverton, Honiton, Torquay, Axminster, Yeovil, Taunton, Barnstaple, South Molton, Ilfracombe, Dulverton, Wells, Bridgwater, Glastonbury, Street, Clevedon, Mangotsfield, Yatton, Berkeley, Fortishead, Yate, Avonmouth, Swindon, Chippenham, Calne, Devizes, Trowbridge, Radstock, Box, Stroud-on-Avon, Frome, Westbury. Any member or sympathiser living in any of these places not already in touch with the Bristol organiser, is asked to write to 37, Queen's Road, Clifton, Bristol. Mr. Pethick Lawrence has kindly promised to visit Bristol; further particulars will be given in Votes for Women Weekly At Homes recommence first week in October.

EATH.

Organiser—Mrs. Mansel, Bayford Lodge, Wincanton.

Shop—12, Walcott Street, Bath.

The next event now that the shop has been opened will be Lady Constance Lytton's afternoon meeting on the 28th inst at the Guildhall. Helpers are much needed to ensure its success by canvassing, distributing handbills, undertaking the sale of tickets, etc. Members and sympathisers living within reach of Bath should make every effort to bring in people from their neighbourhood, and the organiser would be glad to have names of any friends who would help in this way. Miss Bathway has most kindly undertaken the care of the shop. Furniture is needed, also funds to make the autumn campaign a record success. A meeting was held at Trowbridge on Saturday, September 10, at which Miss Annie Kenney spoke to Wiltshire members on the work to be carried out there in connection with the Bath centre. Mrs. Mansel was also present. Tickets for Lady Constance Lytton's meeting, 2s. 6d., 1s., and 6d. (include tea).

WILTS.

Hon. Sec.: Miss Gladys Davies, Oare, Powsay, Wilt.

At a meeting held on Sept. 10 in the Town Hall, Trowbridge, at which Miss Kenney presided, a local union was formed in Wilt, to be known as the Wilt County Branch of the W.S.P.U. Local members will carry on a campaign in Trowbridge, Devizes, Melksham, Warminster, Calne, Chippenham, Box and Westbury, and hope to arouse public interest by meetings, canvassing, chalking, regular paper selling, etc. Speakers will be sent weekly from Bristol to hold meetings in these places in turn. Will all members of the W.S.P.U. in Wilt who were not at the meeting on Sept. 10 please write the hon. sec., and let her know in what way they can help. Volunteers are urgently needed in order that this Union of scattered members may be a great success.

Eastern Counties.

IPSWICH AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Grace Roe, 12, Silent Street, Ipswich. Hon. Sec.—Miss Spencer King, 21, Russell Road, Ipswich. Shop—16, Princess Street.

Members and friends willing to arrange drawing-room meetings during the month of October are asked to communicate with the organiser.

Tuesday, September 20.—Members' meeting at the Shop, 8 p.m.

North-Eastern Counties.

BRADFORD AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips, 66, Manningham Lane, Bradford.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence has very kindly promised to visit Bradford on Wednesday, October 5, and an At Home in her honour is being arranged. Remembering how successful the one held in the Midland Hotel was last year, the organiser feels that one on similar lines should start this year's winter's work. She will be glad to receive promises of subscriptions towards the expenses, as definite arrangements are being held over pending a sufficient sum being guaranteed. A demonstration in St. George's Hall is being arranged, to take place a few days before Parliament re-assembles, and to demand the passage of the Bill during the Autumn Session. Meanwhile, helpers, come forward!

HARROGATE.

Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Bertha N. Graham, 15, Cornwall Road.

On Friday, September 9, the Misses Thompson addressed a meeting on the Stray. Any Suffragists in Harrogate or the neighbourhood who can help with paper-selling or chalking are asked to communicate with Miss Graham.

Friday, September 16.—The Stray. Mrs. Potter, Miss Bertha N. Graham, 3 p.m.

ILKLEY.

Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips, 19, Trafalgar Road.

All those interested in the cause in Ilkley and district will be delighted to know that Mrs. Pethick Lawrence has promised to speak in the King's Hall on Tuesday, October 4, at 8 p.m. Helpers are needed for every kind of work, and the organiser will gladly advise them at the above address at any time. Tickets are now on sale, and members must see to it that no one in Ilkley stays away because he or she has not been invited to buy a ticket. They may be had from the organiser on "sale or return" in any quantity. Stewards and literature sellers are also urgently wanted for the meeting. The Council have kindly given permission for meetings to be held at the Bandstand every Monday during September at 3 p.m. The first one was well reported in the local press. Helpers are needed at these also for paper-selling and collecting.

Friday, September 16.—At Home. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.

Monday, September 19.—Ilkley, The Bandstand. Miss Mary Phillips, 3 p.m.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office—77, Blackett Street.

Organiser—Miss A. Williams, 201, Westgate Road.

Successful meetings have been held during the week at Randon and South Shields, and new ground has been broken at the mining and fishing coast town of Newbiggin. Interesting addresses were given by Mrs. Atkinson and Miss Mildred Atkinson on Wednesday evening at the weekly At Home. Will members make every effort to attend these meetings and bring friends? Sympathisers must be turned into active members. Contributions for the Jumble Sale at Jarrow will be gratefully received by the organiser at the office. Mrs. Marsh is thanked for her thoughtful gift of a much-needed table, and the Misses M. and L. Floyd for books and other goods to be sold in the shop. A sewing party for the Bazaar meets at the office on Saturday afternoons. Volunteers for distribution of handbills and paper-selling are urgently needed. This is a suggestion for those who have bicycles. Places off the railway could thus be easily reached. The organiser hopes to hold an open-air meeting at Durham on the 24th.

Friday, September 16.—77, Blackett Street. Speaker's Class, 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, September 17.—Cullercoats. Miss Williams, 4 p.m.

Monday, September 19.—Seaton Sluice. Mrs. Atkinson, Miss Belle.

Tuesday, September 20.—Jarrow. Miss Williams, Miss Eden, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 21.—77, Blackett Street. At Homes, 3 to 5, 7.30 to 9 p.m.

SCARBOROUGH.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Suffield, 22, Barwick Street.

Hon. Treas.—Dr. Marion Mackenzie, 7, The Valley, Scarborough.

Miss Anderson and Dr. Mackenzie held a meeting at the West Pier on Monday night, attended by a large crowd of sympathetic fishermen. Miss Iron's meeting on Saturday afternoon on the Esplanade, excited a good deal of discussion, and was well attended.

Friday, September 16.—Malton Adult School. Miss Adela Pankhurst; Chair: Dr. Mackenzie, 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 17.—Esplanade. Mrs. Grindley, Dr. Mackenzie; 3.30 p.m. Aquarium Top. Mrs. Grindley, Miss Suffield, 8 p.m.

North-Western Counties.

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT.

Central Office—154, Oxford Road, Manchester. Tel.: 5821 City.

Organisers—Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Miss Bona Robinson.

The great event of last week was the garden party at Holly Bank, Victoria Park, kindly lent by Mrs. Rose Hyland. The warmest thanks to Mrs. Rose Hyland, Miss Ethel Russell, Miss Dalries, Miss O'Hara, Mr. Henry Austin, and all who helped to make the party such a great success. Next week a campaign is being started in Ashton, Hyde, Denton, and Stalybridge, prior to a demonstration to be held in Ashton on Sunday afternoon, September 25. Will all members and friends in these districts please communicate with Miss Wallwork at the office at once, as help is urgently needed, also offers of drawing-rooms for meetings? Will all who can help in this way please write to the organiser? Members are urged to do all in their power to advertise the At Homes, which commence on Friday, October 7, in the Onward Hall, Deansgate, at 8 p.m. Next Wednesday evening a special concert will be held at the "Millitants" Club, 164, Oxford Road, and on this occasion a charge of 3d. will be made.

Friday, Sept. 16.—Agnes Road and Chorlton Road, Miss Allison Toombs, Miss Annie Rose, 7.30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 19.—Stalybridge, Grosvenor Square, 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 20.—Hyde, Market Place, 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 21.—164, Oxford Road, Concert, "Millitants" Club, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 22.—Ashton, Market Place, 7.30 p.m.

LIVERPOOL AND CHESHIRE.

Office—25, Barry Street. Tel. 3761 Royal.

Organiser—Miss S. Ada Flatman.

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The meeting addressed by Lady Constance Lytton at Llandudno Town Hall, with Miss Flatman in the chair, proved a great success. Advertising on the Promenade is not allowed, and as it was most necessary to make the meeting known, a party of members, having chalked on their umbrellas the various sentences announcing the meeting, marched along the promenade with very good effect. The inspectors eyed them with amazement, and as there was no bye-law to prohibit a lady carrying an open umbrella on a hot sunny day, even when it had a little uncommemorative decoration upon it, the result was very satisfactory, and there was a very good meeting that night. Meetings have since been held in Conway, Bangor, Penmaenmawr, and Llandudno, and a great deal of interest and sympathy have been shown. The Liverpool shop

will open on Monday next. On Tuesday, at 7, it is hoped there will be a good rally of members, with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. Will members bring their stock of work made for the exhibition during the summer holidays? Liverpool and district must keep well to the fore. There is much to be done before the first week in December, and the organiser needs all possible help and support. Do not come to the meetings alone, but bring friends.

Tuesday, September 20.—28, Berry Street. Rally of Members, 7 to 9.

BOLTON, BURY, AND DISTRICT.

Hon. Sec. (pro tem): Miss Jessie Groompton, 65, Hildon St., Bolton.

A successful At Home was held at Mrs. Farrington's, 118, Dorset Street, on Thursday evening. A whist drive and social will be held in the Spiritual Hall, Bradford Street, on Wednesday, September 23. Hostess Mrs. Farrington; tickets, 1s. 6d. each; can be had from the members or secretary; a large attendance is hoped for. The Misses Holden and Wertheim have kindly promised to give their Friday evenings to paper-selling. All communications should be addressed to Mrs. Farrington, 118, Dorset Street, during the secretary's absence.

PRESTON, ST. ANNE'S-ON-THE-SEA AND DISTRICT.

Organisers—Mrs. Rigby, 41, Glover's Court, Preston; Miss Johnson, the Hydro, Lytham.

Members are reminded of the sewing meeting every Monday afternoon from 3 to 5. Any members willing to help with embroidery or finishing djibbans are asked to come and get some work which can be done at home. A further appeal is made for gifts of material. Dyed Shantung, llama cloth, Liberty serges, etc., are suitable for djibbans. Two yards of material will make a child's. Offers of help and all parcels should be sent to Mrs. Alderman, 34, Broadgate, Preston.

SOUTHPORT.

Office—12, Nevill Street.

Organiser—Miss Dora Maraden.

Plans for the political side of the autumn's work are being made. It is hoped to have a visit from Mrs. Pankhurst at an early date, and Mr. Laurence Housman will be in Southport on October 20. In connection with the Exhibition Guarantee Fund, Mr. Leigh Lovell and Miss Octavia Kenmore have promised to give a performance of Ibsen's "Lady from the Sea" in the Cambridge Hall the first week in October. The collecting cards for the 20,000 shilling fund are now out, and friends are asked to work hard on them. Donations to the fund are gratefully acknowledged from Mrs. Saul Solomon, Mr. A. Hanson, of Shanghai, and Mr. Henry Austin, also the weekly subscription from Mrs. Cairns, of Crosby. Mrs. Race, of Manchester, has some very beautiful Madras work which she is selling in aid of the funds. Specimens can be seen at the shop. For the Exhibition programme members are urgently requested to try and secure advertisements from any business houses with which they may be acquainted. The organiser asks all those who can help in the matter to communicate with Miss Robinson.

The names in connection with the Literature Stall should have been Mr. G. Blumberg and Miss Shaw.

Scotland.

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.

Office—4, Melville Place, Queensferry Street.
Organiser—Miss Lucy Burns. Tel.: 6183 Central.

The open-air campaign has been prosecuted with great vigour by Miss E. Hudson and others. Some hooliganism showed itself at Stockbridge, but Miss B. Gorrie pluckily held on, and at the end sold a large number of Votes for Women.

Miss Roberts wishes to thank all those who have so kindly come forward in answer to her appeal with presents of books, etc., for the Suffrage Library, amongst others Miss McFarlane, Miss Mary Thomson, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Filshill, Miss Murray, etc., etc. Members will be pleased to hear that Miss Arnot has very kindly promised a large and roomy bookcase, the spaces of which will no doubt soon be filled. Members are reminded of the jumble sale in October, and are asked to collect odds and ends, particularly old clothing, gentlemen's especially. Details will be published later. All interested in Suffrage are cordially invited to call at the Shop. A very successful At Home was held on September 3, when friends immediately supplied half the cost of the new indoor platform, which is to be a surprise to Miss Lucy Burns for the Thursday meetings. Miss Christabel Pankhurst's great meeting on November 4, is much looked forward to. Miss McFarlane has now at last been able to go off for her long-delayed holiday. It is entirely owing to her kind help that

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The first of the weekly At Home will be held to-morrow (Saturday) at the Shop. Will members please turn up in full force, each accompanied by an unconverted friend or "wobbler"? Miss Wylie will take the chair, and Miss Patterson has kindly consented to read a paper on "The Social Evolution of Women." Miss Underwood and Miss Wylie, tempted by the sunshine, went to Arran last Saturday. The sunshine was deceptive, for it poured in Brodick. Nevertheless a goodly audience gathered, and stood for over an hour listening to what they had to say. Amongst the most attentive listeners was a band of sailors from the torpedo boats in the harbour. The organiser thanks Mrs. White very heartily for her gifts, both useful and ornamental, for the Shop, and for her further contribution of home-made jam. Will all members please remember when they are making preserves for the home that they must allow one for the pot—i.e., the Shop! When laying in stores for the winter let them also make it a point of honour to have only Votes for Women tea. Gratefully acknowledged—Mrs. Hector, £1; Mrs. Durnan and Miss H. Hay, 5s. each.

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The Secretary will be pleased to hear from men who will act as Local Secretaries of branches, or who are anxious to join local branches. A branch has been formed at West Deal. Funds are urgently needed towards the £1,000 Campaign Fund.

IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

There has been much activity in suffrage work during the past week in the east, west and north of Ireland. In Dublin an additional outpost has been captured by the holding of a very successful open-air meeting in Bray. Such was the sympathy and encouragement received, that further weekly meetings will be held during the fine weather. Thanks to the help of Mrs. Earl, Miss Bloxham and Miss Allen, very satisfactory meetings have also been held in Howth on the past two Saturdays, and in Kingston and Phoenix Park, where large and interested crowds have been attracted. News comes of a large meeting held in Sligo, which was organised by an enthusiastic member there—Mrs. Crichton. The speakers were Miss E. Gore-Booth and Mr. Hugh Law, M.P. In Portrush Lady Sybil Smith kindly lent her drawing-room for a meeting, at which Miss Bennett of Dublin was the chief speaker. The discussion lasted two hours, so great was the interest.

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IRISH WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETY.

A meeting to discuss the terrible conditions of sweating in the linen trade was held in the Central Hall, Belfast, on Tuesday, September 6. A resolution embodying the opinion that sweating in the British Isles is largely due to the unenfranchised position of women, and asking that time be given early in the coming session to facilitate the passage of the Conciliation Bill into law, was passed. Members and friends are anticipating Mrs. Pankhurst's visit on October 6 with great interest, and a special appeal is made to member and sympathisers in or near Belfast to come forward and do their utmost to make her visit a memorable one. There is much to be done in the way of advertising and selling tickets, and every bit of help is needed. Tickets for the Ulster Hall (1s) can be had from the Secretary, 61, Scottish Temperance Buildings. The Monday evening meetings were resumed on September 12.

THE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

One of the features of the League's special Effort Week will be an At Home at Steinway Hall, Wednesday, October 26, at 8 p.m., when Olive Christian Malvery (Mrs. Archibald Mackirdy) will address, it is hoped, a large audience. Few books have been written of such human interest as her "Soul Market," a book which every Suffragist should read. Lady Constance Lytton will speak at a meeting to be held in the Town Hall, Anerley, S.E., on Thursday, October 20, at 8 p.m. The Hendon Branch is making arrangements for an evening meeting on Monday, September 26, in which date the Church Congress Campaign opens in Cambridgeshire, Royston (26th), Ely (27th), Newmarket (28th), Cambridge (29th), and Huntingdon (30th), being the chief centres of work. Much good work is being done in Worthing and Brighton, and October 11, is fixed for a meeting at Hove Town Hall. All particulars can be had from the Hon. Sec., the Rev. C. Hinscliff, 11, St. Mark's Crescent, Regent's Park, N.W.

Mrs. Halsey wishes to thank all members of the W.S.P.U. who have so very kindly sympathised with her during the illness and on the loss of her brother.

The strike of railway-gatekeepers on a portion of a railway in Ireland has resulted in serious curtailment of the service, and the engines are obliged to carry men to open the gates at the crossings. A number of women gate-keepers are on strike with the men.

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